

EMMANUEL'S PRAYER LIST - October 2021

Ukraine Lighthouse Mission – Bruce and Deb Crowe

- Bathroom for disabled is finished in record time.
- Coffee Shop positive influence in town; employment, youth to gather, Gospel Outreach.
- Charity marathon gave needed lift to Community.
- Quarantine lifted.
- Pray for an end to oppression in Belarus: the Church in Belarus seeks wisdom, faith and love.
- Deb leading community in new forms of prayer using imagination, meditating on Scripture.
- 2nd Widows' Ministry Conference for village leaders Oct 1-3, time of prayer, vision, fellowship.

Celebrate Recovery – Ministry at EBC

- Leaders will seek God's guidance as this Ministry begins again.
- Covid isolation has increased substance abuse in some.
- Those who are addicted to bad habits or dependency on drugs will be courageous and attend.
- The lives of the men and women will be changed as they trust God to break habits and addictions for His Glory.
- The recovery process, which is so vital, will be protected by God.

Our Country and the Election

- God Bless our federal leaders, Prime Minister, and elected members as they lead our country and make new policy and laws.
- Praise God for the freedoms we enjoy – voting without threat of harm, free speech, freedom to worship - (add any others that come to mind).
- God bless our health care workers, keep them safe, and protected as they work hard saving lives caring for all of us.

LoveSong Seniors Housing Project

- Pray for the team as they plan the steps to take towards the co-investment (CMHC) funding application.
- God's wisdom and direction as the team will be choosing consultants on LoveSong process.
- Gratitude to the Lord for His people being so generous supporting the project to assist with monthly carrying costs.

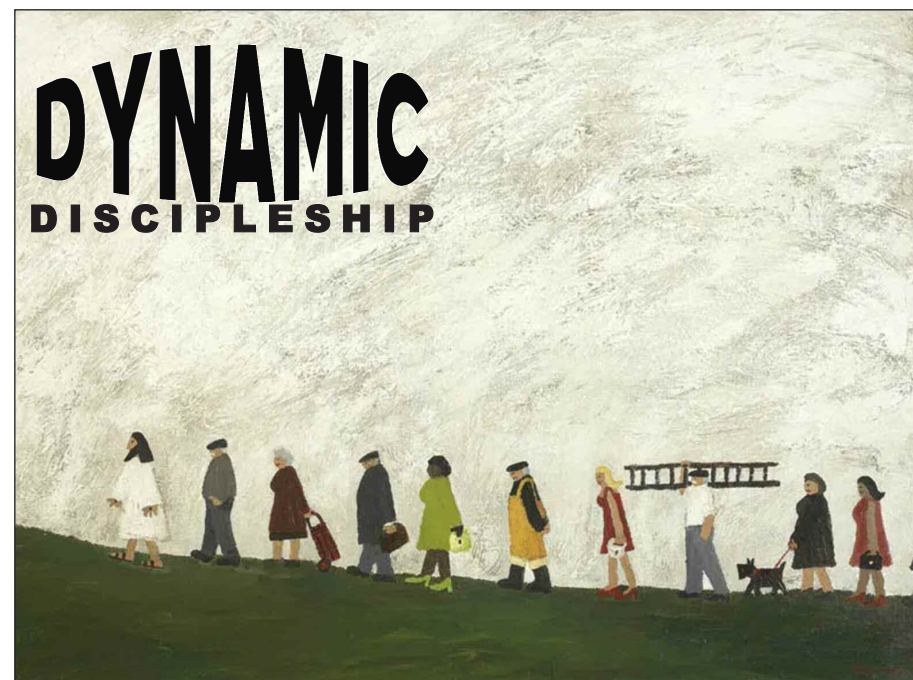
Prison Ministry - Paul Robinson

- Pray for the prisons to open their doors for visitors soon and safely, this will encourage the men.
- Chaplains need to witness to the men of God's power, as prisons have been closed for months.
- Pray for Paul as he wants to be the chaplain for the Wellington Dukes to witness for Jesus.
- Praise for Paul's devotion for the men in prison and his desire to present the Gospel.

ADDITIONAL STUDY: Romans 10:17 and 2 Timothy 3:16

1. What is faith?
2. How does faith come to us?
3. What is the role of the word of God in the development of our faith?
4. Examine the words:
 - Teaching
 - Reproving (or rebuking)
 - Correcting
 - Training in RighteousnessHow does the word of God help us in each of these area's?
5. Put these two verses together and determine next steps in your own walk with the Lord

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A SERIES ON BECOMING DYNAMIC FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Based on the life of one of His followers: Simon Peter

1. From fisherman to a fisher of men Luke 5:1-11
2. Facing your fears and winning Matthew 14:22-33
3. Living as an overcomer John 6:13-18
4. What happens when you fall Luke 22:31-34; 54-62
5. Restored & Commissioned John 21:15-17
6. Strength in the face of opposition Acts 4:1-13
7. Overcoming prejudice Acts 10:1-16
8. Living in freedom and peace Acts 12:1-19

Dynamic Discipleship

A key to becoming dynamic followers of Jesus =

Acts 1:8 You will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you
Power:

Matthew 4:19 Come, _____ and I will...

BECOMING A FOLLOWER

A believer:

A follower:

A NEW START v.1-7

v.1-3

Romans 10:17 Faith _____

v.4-5 Peter's response:

We've worked hard all night:

Because _____, I will let down the nets

Do you live your life your way or God's way?

It's in the 'deep water' of life that _____ take place

A NEW LIFE v.8-9

How did Peter's view of Jesus change? (see verses 5 and 8)

How did Peter see himself?

A NEW PURPOSE v.10-11

Don't be _____

From now on...

Matt 4:19

So they pulled their boats up on the shore, _____ and...

1. What do you think is the difference between being simply a 'believer' and being a 'follower' of Jesus?
2. Read Acts 1:8. The word 'dunamis' is the Greek word for power. We get our English words, dynamic, dynamo and dynamite from it. Why do we need the power of the Holy Spirit to be a true follower of Jesus? In what ways are we a 'witness' for Jesus?
3. When you think of keeping your heart warm to God, and people, what do you think is essential?
4. Put yourself in Peter's position. You are listening to Jesus and working on your nets. Then He gets into your boat to teach the people. How has your attention shifted?
Do you think that you give God your full attention?
5. Jesus tells Peter to put out into the deep water for a catch. What would be your response?
Would you say that you generally do things your way, or God's way?
What's the difference?
6. Peter, and the others, were amazed at the great catch of fish. He called Jesus, 'Lord' (v.8) instead of just 'master' (v.5). What does it take for God to get your full attention and to be amazed?
7. If we want to see a miracle, we need to let Jesus get into our 'boat' and do things His way rather than our way. What needs to change in your life in order for that to happen on a regular basis?
8. Peter saw his own sinfulness in comparison to Jesus' holiness. As we get closer to Jesus we are more aware of our own failings, shortcomings and sinfulness. How can we live life in a more 'penitent' way, that drives us to live more holy lives?
9. In verses 10, Jesus says "don't be afraid". Why?
He also says, "from now on..." Indicating that the purpose of Peter's life was about to change. What do you see as your purpose? What does it mean to be a 'fisher of men'?
10. "So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him."
What does it mean to 'leave everything'?
- v.11 After considering all that you have studied in this passage do you consider yourself to simply be a believer, or are you a follower? What will it take to become a more dynamic follower of Jesus?