



**Gospel-Based Discipleship**  
**July 18, 2021**

## **We begin in the larger Group:**

*Welcome, announcements and land acknowledgment.*

*Bell x 3*

### **Opening Song: How Firm A Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can God say than to you God has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns 1787 – author "K"

## **The Gathering Prayer**

*A volunteer is chosen to read, or we read together:*

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Based Discipleship Rule of Life**

*is read by a volunteer or together.*

Creator God, we acknowledge and give thanks that:

In Jesus we know we belong to a Sacred Circle with the Gospel and Baptismal Covenant in the centre.

In this Sacred Circle:

We are all related;

We live a compassionate and generous life;

We respect all life, traditions, and resources.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth, discipleship, and consensus.

**We break into smaller Groups** (breakout of 4-5 people).

**A Psalm** *may be read by a volunteer, if desired.*

## **Reading the Gospel (Epistle)**

1. A volunteer reads the Gospel (Epistle) of the day:  
Ephesians 2: 11-22: Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without

God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Silence. Sharing: What word(s), idea(s), or phrase(s) stand out for you?*

2. Another volunteer reads the Gospel of the day (above)

*Silence. Sharing: What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?*

3. Another volunteer reads the Gospel of the day (above)

*Silence. Sharing. What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do? (share)*

## **Prayer**

Individual and Group Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication (ACTS) may be offered by anyone in the group.

## **Collecting Prayer (Collect)**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

*We regather into the large group.*

## **Communion**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...*We say together:* **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*As beloved children of a loving parent, we say together:*  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Take, bless, break, share.

*The communion is given by coming forward for bread. All are welcome at Jesus' table.*

### **Communion Song: One Bread, One Body**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless;  
and we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. (Chorus)

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. (Chorus)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.  
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### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of  
Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven,  
healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Closing Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power,  
you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard  
til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one

*Chorus:*

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (x3) Your peace will make us one.

I've seen you in our home fires  
burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding  
in the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient,  
you will never fade or tire  
Your peace will make us one  
*Chorus*

In the beauty of the lilies  
you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom  
that is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires  
til each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one  
*Chorus*

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### **Blessing and/or Sending**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

*Bell x 3*



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