



*Practical Discipleship in
Impractical Times*

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Make Disciples

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:19-20)

BAPTISM

“Baptism inaugurates a life of discipleship in the death and resurrection of Christ. Baptism conforms us to the death and resurrection of Christ precisely so that we repent and receive forgiveness, love our neighbors, suffer for the sake of the Gospel, and witness to Christ.”

(“The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and
principle 14, page 20)

Sacrament,”

LIVING + FAITH

Affirmation of Baptism describes the faith practices that grow out of our baptism. We are to: “... live among God’s faithful people; hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper; proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; serve all people following the example of Jesus; and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.”

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 236)

PRACTICAL + ACTIONS

Our ELCA Faith Practices Team encourages the following practices as guides for our daily discipleship, in our vocations.

PRAY

Prayer - Pray Frequently

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians
5:16-18)

S T U D Y

Christian Education - Study Scripture Diligently

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm
119:105)

W O R S H I P

Worship Regularly

“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”

(Psalm 34:1-3)

INVITE

Evangelism/Outreach - Invite Others Often

“But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15)

ENCOURAGE

Teaching/Mentoring - Pass on the Faith

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and
in truth.

(1 John 3:18)

S E R V E

Social and Justice Ministry - Serve for the Sake of Others

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

(Mark 10:45)

G I V E

Stewardship - Give generously

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. (Luke 6:38)

Making Disciples

Multiplication - Each one reach one

- A smile
- A note, a letter, an email
- A text or a telephone call
- An invitation to worship, (watch party)
- Zoom call (one-on-one)

Priesthood of all believers

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

Live Your Creed

by Langston Hughes

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.

I'd rather one walk with me than just to show the way.

The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear.

Advice may be misleading but examples are always clear.

And the very best of teachers are the ones who live their creed.

For to see good put into action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn to do it if you let me see it done.

I can watch your hand in motion but your tongue to fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very fine and true.

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the fine advice you give.

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

Practical Discipleship

Beloved, as disciples of Christ, when we live what we believe others will be drawn into a life altering relationship with Jesus!

Live Your Creed!

