



If we as a church are going to make disciples, to move people to life in Christ one step at a time together, we must make worshipping Jesus a priority by offering consistent **opportunities** to participate in Christ-exalting corporate worship and then we must **worship Jesus** together.

Another aspect of life in Christ which flows out of worshipping Jesus is holding to His **teaching**. Doing so is how we learn the truth and that truth then sets us free from the **lies** of the world to **love** the Lord our God with all our minds.

Philippians 1:9-11

The kind of love God wants and expects both in and from disciples grows through **knowledge** and insight, specifically of God's truth.

You cannot divorce the **study** of the Word of God from your walk with Jesus.

Romans 12:2

We will never progress as disciples without our **minds** being turned on and acquiring the knowledge contained in God's Word.

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth.

- The **reception** of truth is the only way to grow in knowledge.

Meditate on it day and night.

- Meditation on it is the only way to grow in **understanding** of the truth.

So that you may be careful to do everything written in it.

- We grow in grace as God enables us to **apply** that understanding to life.

Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- We grow in fruitfulness as God's truth is **integrated** into our lives and we continue to move from reception to transformation.

This process of **learning truth** is absolutely critical in the life of a disciple. It is more than knowing or understanding, it is both combined with the practice of applying what we know and understand to how we live.

The Word of God is the final **authority** of a disciple's life. Scripture trumps **culture**. When culture stands in direct contradiction to the Word of God, one must reject their culture and embrace where God stands.

I learn truth to **live** truth in every way I can without excuse.

Ephesians 4:11-15

God's goal for the **proclamation** of His truth in the church is not Christian intellectualism but character development: that we would be able to become more and more like **Jesus**.

When we see that life in Christ is only possible as we learn truth, then we see God challenging us in two ways:

1. God challenges each of us personally to become **thinking** followers of Christ that we might be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Coming to corporate worship is a start, but you need to be reading and studying the Word **personally** and you need to be in a Bible study class **corporately**.

2. God challenges us as a church to be actively leading people to learn truth from the **womb** to the **tomb**, from preschool to senior adults.

We together must be a church that moves people to life in Christ by **learning truth** together.