



Life Group Session #8  
Growing In Christ: Following a Disciple  
Scripture Reference: Matthew 13:1-9

Welcome to Life Groups. Take some time to welcome any new people that may be attending the group for the first time:

**Note:** As always - Trust and Transparency go hand and hand... Share only what you are comfortable with.

**Begin with prayer:** Ask God to open our eyes to His truth – offer the opportunity for others to pray as they feel led.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:1-9 (*Read entire passage and then take a moment to reflect on it...*)

Note to Leaders: As you work through the questions please refer back to the passage as many times as you feel necessary as well as other supporting passages as the discussion unfolds.

**Discussion Guidelines:**

1. The goal is that each person would personalize the passage and the questions.
2. Try to answer questions in the FIRST PERSON...
3. Engage in authentic discovery and personal revelation.
4. Don't overthink the questions and spend as much time as you need on each question. **Don't feel you have to answer all the questions. Please refer to additional scriptures as the conversation unfolds.**

**Questions this week:**

1. Why do you think the Word of God (The Bible) is so important for spiritual growth and discipleship? Read the following passages after you have discussed this question: Hebrews 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:105, Joshua 1:8, Romans 15:4, Psalm 119:10-11

2. What reasons do we find ourselves giving when we don't read The Bible?
3. How would describe to an unbeliever what the "The Word of God" is?
4. How do you wrestle with the parts of The Bible that you don't understand, disagree with, or find difficult to put into practice?
5. When you read Matthew 13:1-9 provide some examples of what it could look like to be found.
  - a. On the path
  - b. In the shallow soil
  - c. In the thorns
6. Can you relate to any of these three places in your life?

**Closing in Prayer:** Take requests based on discussion and needs in the group