

Discipleship

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus extended a simple yet powerful invitation to his disciples: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This invitation encapsulates the essence of discipleship – a call to follow Christ, to be deeply rooted in Him, and to be transformed by His teachings and example.

Discipleship is not a solitary pursuit; it is a communal adventure, rooted in our shared connection with Christ. Walking alongside fellow believers, we share in each other's joys and sorrows, encouraging and challenging one another to grow in our faith. The Apostle Paul beautifully describes this interconnectedness in 1 Corinthians 12:27: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Why is discipleship so vital? Because it molds us into the likeness of Christ. In Romans 12:2, Paul urges us not to conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, a renewal that comes from being rooted in Christ. Discipleship is the fertile ground through this transformation – through prayer, studying the Word, and living out the life Christ has called us to.

Moreover, discipleship equips us to fulfill the Great Commission. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus instructs his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." Our journey of discipleship is intricately connected to our mission of sharing the good news of salvation and making disciples of others, all while remaining firmly rooted in Christ.

Let us, therefore, embrace the call to discipleship with open hearts and willing spirits, knowing that we are rooted in Christ. May we intentionally pursue Christ, seeking to know Him more deeply and striving to live in obedience to His Word. As we do so, we experience personal transformation and contribute to the growth and vitality of the body of Christ, firmly rooted in Him.

For His Glory,
Pastor Dillon Evans

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.

11:00 am WORSHIP November 26, 2023

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 636 vs. 1 & 2 "We Gather Together"
HYMN OF PRAISE * 15 vs. 1 & 2 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Leslie Belvin, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON Anthony Riedel
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Matthew 6:5-15 Brody Sanford

HYMN OF OFFERING * 638 vs. 1 & 3 "Now Thank We All Our God"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Leslie Belvin, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Acts 18:18–20:38 Pastor Dillon Evans
SERIES: Acts: To The Ends of the Earth
MESSAGE: "If God Wills"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 450 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Dillon Evans
CLOSING CHORUS * 644 "Count Your Blessings"

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

CLOSING CHORUS # 644
"Count Your Blessings"

Count your bless—ings, name them one by one;
Count your bless—ings, see what God hath done;
Count your bless—ings, name them one by one;
Count your many bless—ings, see what God hath done.

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SERMON NOTES:

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