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- † To Understand Who I am in Christ
- † To Discover the Power of the Holy Spirit
- † To Be Equipped to Serve the World in His Name

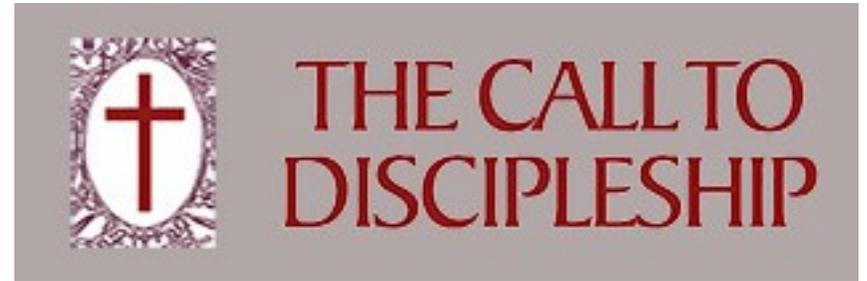
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STUDY GUIDE YEAR 2

LESSONS 16 – 30

DISCIPLE ONE...DISCIPLE THE WORLD

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Study Guide Year 2

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YEAR 2 Lesson 30

DISCUSSION

† In how many ways can you give “compassionate service”? Do you feel more encouraged to do this within your own areas of influence?

† Can you think of ways in which the “Luke 10 principle” can be affected in your own lives?

† In what ways can the witness of Jesus be strengthened in your life?

ENCOURAGEMENT: MATTHEW 25.40

PRAYER....

**LET US GO FORTH TO LOVE
AND SERVE THE LORD
IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

TEACHING

- † Good news – proclamation
 - His witnesses Acts 1.8
 - With boldness, *proclaim* Acts 4.29-31
 - How shall they believe? Rom 10.8-17

- † Good works – *greater works* John 14.12
 - The Luke 10 principle
 - ...Blessing
 - ...Relationship
 - ...Prayer
 - ...Preach
 - Compassionate service Isa 58
 - ...“untying the cords of the yoke”
 - ...not turning away
 - ...letting your light shine
 - heal, feed, deliver Matt 9.35-10.16
 - ... “becoming all things to all people” 1 Cor 9.19-23

- † “If I be lifted up...” John 12.32
 - “we wish to see Jesus” John 12.20ff
 - ...dying to live
 - ...following Jesus
 - “For this purpose I came” John 12.27
 - *That the world may know...* Isa 43
 - ...that none would perish 2 Pet 3.9



Erilyne Barnum

...developed this course in 1977.

Since then she has led many people into a Biblical understanding of who they are in Christ and how to live that out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Erilyne believes deeply in her heart that *“if you disciple one, you disciple the world.”*

“When people become discipled to Jesus, living their lives according to the word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit, they affect their families, their communities, the educational system, and the job market. Like ripples in a stream, their influence continues to reach out.”

She and her husband, The Rt. Rev. Thaddeus R. Barnum share their passion for discipling God’s people through the proclamation of His Word.

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

COVENANT

By the grace of God, I hereby commit myself to the other members of my Discipleship Small Group in the following manner:

I will make attendance a priority.
Hebrews 10.25

I will be on time for each meeting.
Ecclesiastes 3.1

I will pray for each of the other members regularly.
Colossians 1.9

I will read and meditate daily on each week's Biblical passage.
Psalms 119.11

I will journal my thoughts, questions and prayers.
Exodus 17.14

I will be committed to my small group.
Acts 2.42

I will be committed to confidentiality.
Proverbs 11.12, James 1.26

YEAR 2 Lesson 29

DISCUSSION

† What do you think it means to “lay down your life” for others in the Body of Christ?

† Which is the most important in your service to the Lord and in the Church? ...exercising your gift(s), or seeking the “common good”? Why?

† How are you discipling others for Jesus?

ENCOURAGEMENT: PHILIPPIANS 2.13

PRAYER...

NEXT LESSON

ISA 58, LUKE 10.1-16, MATT 9.35-10.16

“Servants to the World”

YEAR 2 Lesson 16 "Called To Live Together
in Christ—What is "the Body of Christ?"

TEACHING

† Who is the Church?

- Assembly of believers Acts 2.41,44,47
...“called-out ones” – *ekklesia* (Gr.)
- Body of Christ Rom 12.4-5
...Many members, one body 1 Cor 12.27, Eph 4.4-6

† God’s possession

- Old Testament model
...“a holy nation....” Exod 19.3-6
...called to be His people Deut 7.6
- New Testament assembly
...built on The Rock Matt 16.18
...Jesus prays for our “oneness” John 17.20-23

† Problems in the ranks

- A new command John 13.34-35
...a love community
- Called to live it out 1 Pet 1.22
...the “old nature” interferes 1 Pet 2.1-3
- Remembering.....
...separation Gen 3.12
...role-play; lack of trust; hiding
Cain & Abel Gen 4
church called to be different 1 John 3.11-24

† “The Spirit He gave us”

- Loving each other 1 John 3.14,16,23
- Laying down our lives for each other
- Empowered to believe and love 1 John 3.2

YEAR 2 Lesson 28

DISCUSSION

† How do you view the “Servants of the Lord”? ...as being special people? ... “ordained” types? ...Biblical saints only?

† Can you see yourself as a servant of the Lord? If not, why not? And, if so, how do you see that?

† Are you developing a passion for serving the Lord? How are you doing that now or, how would you like to be doing that?

ENCOURAGEMENT: ROMANS 6.15-18

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
JOHN 13.1-17, 2 TIM 1.1-4.8
“Servants in the Church”

TEACHING

- † A “*servant*” for life
 - “*Pierced*” ears
 - “*doulos*” and “*diakonos*”

Psa 40.6-8
Deut 15.16-17

- † A united people
 - Built upon a rock
 - ...our confession of Jesus as the Son of God
 - ...unity between heaven and earth
 - Restoration of *Glory* Holy Spirit
 - ... “a complete unit”
 - ... so that the world will know

John 17.20-26
Matt 16.14-19

John 17.22
John 17.23

- † An empowered people
 - Witnesses of these things
 - Clothed with power Holy Spirit
 - More of Him, less of me

Luke 24.45-49
Acts 1.8
Acts 1.4-8, Acts 2
John 3.22-36

- † A “sent” people
 - Called out to be under authority
 - ...submitted to receive power
 - As the Father sent Jesus
 - ...filled with resurrection life Holy Spirit
 - Servants/Stewards of the Lord
 - ...handling the mysteries of God

Isa 6.1-10
Matt 8.5-13
John 20.21-22

1 Cor 4.1-2
Rom 16.25-27

DISCUSSION

- † What disappointment have you experienced in the behavior and witness of the “Church” (not a particular denomination – but a local expression of believers)?

- † In the past, what have you done with these “disappointments”?

- † From what you have heard from the Word of God today, how would you handle these problems now when they arise?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 1 THESSALONIANS 4.9-10

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
1 SAM 18.1-4, 2 SAM 9, JOHN 17.13-26
**“Called Together in Christ –
 The Blessing of God’s Covenant”**

YEAR 2 Lesson 17 "Called Together in Christ —
The Blessing of God's Covenant"

TEACHING

- † Story of Mephibosheth
 - Covenant relationship 1 Sam 18.1-4
 - ...love, covering & life 1 Sam 20
 - To all generations 1 Sam 20.42
 - ...death of Jonathan 2 Sam 1.4
 - ...covenant relationship extended 2 Sam 9
 - ...restoration in covenant

- † Story of the Lord Jesus
 - Covenant relationship John 13.1
 - ...love, covering & life
 - To all generations John 17.13-26
 - ...Jesus' prayer
 - ...protection and sanctification
 - ...covenant relationship extended John 13.34-35

- † The "one-anothers" of the covenant
 - Members of the Body 1 Cor 12.24b-25
 - Eyes to see others Gal 6.2
 - Reverence for others Eph 5.21
 - Accept one another Rom 15.7
 - Worship with one another Col 3.16
 - Encourage one another 1 Ths 5.11, Heb 10.24
 - **The over-riding principle** Rom 12.10

- † Bottom Line
 - If we love one another, God lives in us 1 John 4.12
 - So that others will know John 17.21,23

YEAR 2 Lesson 27

DISCUSSION

- † When have you struggled to "**hear**" God's voice in your life? What made it difficult for you?

- † How has the "**obedience factor**" played a part in the process of "hearing" the Lord?

- † What are you learning that will change your perspective in "**listening**" as God speaks to you?

ENCOURAGEMENT: JOHN 8.47

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
ISA 6.1-10, MATT 8.5-13, JOHN 3.22-36
"Servants of the Lord"

YEAR 2 Lesson 27

"The Obedience Factor"

TEACHING

- † The Biblical meaning of listening.....
- Not just "good" hearing but "right" hearing
...based on "knowing" the Shepherd Deut 6.1-9
John 10.14
 - True hearing brings faith & understanding
...reveals God's will Matt 13.16, 23
...is productive
 - "To hear" is "to obey" Jas 1.22-25
- † The folly of not listening.....
- Considered "foolish" Matt 7.26
...does not know God's ways Psa 14.1
 - Has no foundation 1 Cor 3.11, 18
...trusts in his own wisdom Pro 28.26
 - Will not withstand the storms of life Matt 7.27
- † Trained senses.....
- Faith comes by hearing Rom 10.17
 - Maturity comes by obedience Heb 5.14
 - Practice makes perfect (*complete*) Deut 6.6-9
- † Learning to listen – the disciple's walk.....
- Hearing, acceptance, response
...conviction of the heart Neh 8.1-12
...response of the heart
 - Senses freed by the Spirit 1 Cor 2.9-16
...the "gift" of God
 - *To hear, to understand, to believe and act* Rev 2.7

YEAR 2 Lesson 17

DISCUSSION

- † How does the covenant love of David and Jonathan help you understand the kind of love that Jesus has for us?
- † How do you feel about your relationships with other Christians? How do the "one-anothers" of scripture affect you?
- † How can you move toward "Covenant Relationships" with your Christian brothers and sisters?

ENCOURAGEMENT: PHILIPPIANS 2.1-4

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

EPH 4.1-16, JOHN 13.1-17, 34-35

"Called Together in Christ –
The Grace of Covenant"

YEAR 2 Lesson 18

"Called Together in Christ — The Grace of Covenant"

TEACHING

† GRACE –God's Riches At Christ's Expense
- What does it mean? Eph 1.4-10

† The calling of the church by grace
- Called out of darkness into His light
...saved from sin by *grace* Eph 2.3-7,8-9; Rom 5.8
Church is the sphere into which believers have
entered through faith....

† The life of the church in grace
- Live worthy of the calling Eph 4.1-3
...saved from self by *grace* Rom 5.10
...instructed by *grace* Titus 2.11-15
...attitudes of *grace* Eph 4.2
- Motivated by love John 13.1,14-17,34
- Purpose
...“keep” it not “make” it Eph 4.3
...unity given by *grace* John 17.22-23
one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord,
one faith, one baptism, one God & Father
Church is the context in which we live out our calling....

† The work of the church
- *Grace* (gifts) given
...to prepare for works of service Eph 4.12
...to upbuild the Body of Christ
...to mature in the Lord Eph 4.13, 15-16
...*so that others may know* John 13.35

† Therefore, We commit each other to God
- *and to the Word of His Grace.....* Acts 20.32

YEAR 2 Lesson 26

DISCUSSION

† Do you experience times of not being able to hear God's word for you? Why do you think that happens?

† Is there something He has said to you before that you have not obeyed or trusted? Can you give an example?

† Do you know the voice of your Shepherd? How does that sustain you in times of weariness?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 2.9-10

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

DEUT 6.1-9, NEH 8.1-12, MATT 7.24-29

"The Obedience Factor"

YEAR 2 Lesson 26 "Opening of the Disciple's Ear"

TEACHING

- † The problem with Israel
- "Uncircumcised" ears
... "**cannot**" hear God
... "**will not**" hear God
- Sent away with a promise
Jer 6.10, 16-19
- † Jesus comes as a disciple
- God awakens....
...He persistently calls
- God opens.....
...He enables us to hear
... which loosens the tongue
- God sustains....
...He does not weary or tire
Isa 50.4-5
1 Sam 3
Mark 7.31-37
Isa 40.28-31
- † To know Jesus Christ
- Jesus knows His own
...following as a disciple
...able to hear His voice
- His own know Him
...awakened
...ears circumcised/tongues loosed
...sustained in Him
John 10.1-5,14-16
Matt 10.1
John 8.42-47
1 John 4.13-16

YEAR 2 Lesson 18

DISCUSSION

- † What was your understanding of Grace prior to this teaching? How can you see God's grace at work in your life?
- † How do you respond to God's grace to receive His gifts to you? Do you still feel you have to do something to be made worthy? Why?
- † How does this knowledge help you share God's love to others?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 2 PETER 1.3-4

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
2 CHR 6.12-42, 7.14-16; LUKE 11.1-13
"PRAYER and Its Importance
in the Life of a Christian"

YEAR 2 Lesson 19

"PRAYER and Its Importance in the Life of a Christian"

TEACHING

- † What is prayer?
- Petitioning God Php 4.6
 - Communing with God Psa 86.1-7
 - In dialogue with God Jer 29.11-14
 - Listening to God John 10.27
- † Lord, teach us to pray.... Luke 11.1-4
- Father....
 - ...relationship/covenant
 - ...intimacy John 9.31
 - Your kingdom come
 - ...submission
 - Our daily bread each day
 - ...dependence
 - Forgive us as we forgive others
 - ...repentance
 - ...forgiving each other Matt 6.14
 - Lead us
 - ...Guidance Jas 1.5
- † Always pray and don't give up....
- Solomon's prayer 2 Chr 6.12ff
 - ...based on covenant relationship
 - ...straightforward and persistent
 - ...committed to God
 - ...God hears and answers 2 Chr 7.11-16
 - Jesus' analogy Luke 11.5-13
 - ...based on friendship
 - ...is always persistent Luke 18.1
 - ...committed to God's way Exod 17.8-15
 - ...the gift of God – the Holy Spirit Rom 8.26

YEAR 2 Lesson 25

DISCUSSION

- † In what ways do you allow first impressions to dictate your acceptance?
- † When are you most intimidated to behave like others in spite of what you know to be true?
- † Are you afraid of what others think of you? If so, how does that affect the way you live out your Christian life?

ENCOURAGEMENT: 2 TIMOTHY 2.15

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

JER 6.10,16-19, MARK 7.31-37, JOHN 10.1-5,14-16

"Opening of the Disciple's Ear"

YEAR 2 Lesson 25

"Freedom from the Tyranny of People"

TEACHING

† External appearances

- Judging the book (*and taught to do so*) 1 Sam 16.7
 - ...approved by what we see
 - ...source of prejudices/disappointments/hurts
 - ...biblical persons usually not physically described

† Fear of Men (*what others think*)

- Nehemiah's struggle Pro 29.25
Neh 6
 - ...fear of harm
 - ...fear itself
 - ...fear of intimidation
- Paul's testimony Gal 2.6-8,11-14
 - ...status/position
 - ...the intimidation of Peter and Barnabas
 - caring what others think and say
 - not being accepted or loved
- Jesus' actions John 2.23-25
 - ...***did not entrust himself to some***

† The truth about praise!

- Reflection of the heart/place of testing Pro 27.19-21
 - ...reality of who we are
 - ...Jesus died to set us free Col 2.20-23
- What's more important? Deut 10.17-21
 - ...***God is our praise!!!!***
 - ...Wrong praise interrupts belief John 5.41-44
 - ...approved by God 1 Ths 2.3-8

YEAR 2 Lesson 19

DISCUSSION

† What has been your idea of prayer until now?

† Do you find it difficult to pray? What seems to be the biggest obstacle in your prayer life?

† When in your life did you know for certain that God answered your prayer? What were the circumstances? How did you pray?

ENCOURAGEMENT: MATTHEW 6.6-8

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

1 KGS 3.4-15, JAS 1.2-8, 4.1-3

**"Learning How to Ask the Lord –
Calling Out to the Lord"**

YEAR 2 Lesson 20 "Learning How to Ask the Lord
— Calling Out to the Lord"

TEACHING

† Asking God....

- Why we ask
 - ...God wants us to Jas 1.5, 4.2b
 - ...brings wisdom and understanding 1 Kgs 3.5
 - victory Pro 2.1-11
 - protection
- How we ask
 - ...believing, not doubting Jas 1.6
 - double-mindedness 1 Kgs 18.21
 - ...with right heart motivation Jas 4.3
 - not for our own desires
 - ...according to His will 1 John 5.14-15,20, Matt 6.33

† God's response.....

- The story of Solomon 1 Kgs 3.4-15
 - ...stating his faith
 - ...right motivation
 - ...according to God's will
- God's pleasure
 - ...Solomon pleased Him 1 Kgs 3.10
 - ...God will do what we ask Pro 15.8

† How then do we pray? (Remembering last week's lesson)

- Ask... Luke 11.2-4
 - ...based on relationship/intimacy
 - ...in submission to His Will
 - ...in complete dependence on Him
 - ...with repentance, having forgiven to be forgiven
 - ...desiring His wisdom, understanding and guidance

YEAR 2 Lesson 24

DISCUSSION

- † Why do you hang on to things and surround yourself with material pleasures? What need does that fill?
- † Where in your life are you unable to "let go"? Why are "trust" issues so difficult?
- † What have you learned about God's desire to provide for your every need in Jesus? Does that include the needs of those you love?

ENCOURAGEMENT: MATTHEW 6.31-34

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON
NEH 6, COL 2.6-3.4
"Freedom from the Tyranny of People"

YEAR 2 Lesson 24

"Freedom from the Tyranny of Things"

TEACHING

- † The tyranny of “things”
Our need to amass belongings – material gain
- Jesus meets a rich young man
 ...Obedience
 ...the Law
 ...the **heart**
 Matt 19.16-24
 Mark 10.17ff
 - Revelation of “externals” and “internals”
 ...**externals** (what people see)
 love God
 obey the Law
 love your neighbor
 Matt 19.17-18
 ...**internals** (the inner life)
 Luke
- 12.15
- covetousness (greed)
deceitfulness
idolatry
 Matt 13.22
 Hab 2.9-11. 18-20
- † How we are tyrannized
- Our “**covetous**” and worldly attitude
 regarding earthly wealth
 Luke 12.33-34
 - We “**trust**” in our worldly treasure
 instead of in God and His provision
 1 John 2.15-17
 - Not regarding possessions **gratefully** as
 God’s gifts and using them in His service
 1 Tim 4.4-5
- † Set free by the cross
- Two sides of the coin.....
 ...having “more” and receiving “more”
 Luke 12.16-21
 ...having none and wanting “more”
 Luke 12.22-31
- † An invitation
- “Sell all” - free to trust God and not myself
 Matt 19.21
 - “Follow me” - looking to the One who provides

YEAR 2 Lesson 20

DISCUSSION

- † If you have felt in the past that you could not “ask” God for anything for yourself, what were your reasons? Did you pray only for others? ...only for “little” things? ...only major things?
- † What fears have you had in association with praying? How do you feel differently now?
- † What’s the biggest blessing that has happened to you through prayer?

ENCOURAGEMENT: JEREMIAH 29.11-13

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

ROM 8.26-39, 1 COR 2.6-16

“The Person and the Power Behind Prayer”

YEAR 2 Lesson 21

"The Person and the Power Behind Prayer"

TEACHING

- † The person of the Holy Spirit
 - Member of the Trinity; God Himself Gen 1.2
 - ...the breath of God Gen 2.7
 - ...moving upon the Old Testament saints 2 Pet 1.21
 - Moses and the elders Num 11.25
 - those called for specific tasks Jdgs 3.10
 - ...the life of the New Testament saints John 20.22
 - born again Acts 2.38
 - empowered Acts 4.31
- † The ministry of the Holy Spirit
 - To the world John 16.8-11
 - To the church John 16.13-15
 - ...to bring Truth
 - ...to remind us of Jesus' words
 - ...taking what is of Jesus and making it ours i.e., sanctifying the saints
- † Our Counselor in prayer.....
 - He helps us Rom 8.26
 - ...our weakness is our ignorance
 - ...He knows what we do not know 1 Cor 2.11-12
 - He intercedes for us Rom 8.26
 - ...He identifies with our groans, our pain and our longings
 - ...knows how to interpret them to the Father
 - According to God's will
 - ...three persons in the activity of prayer Rom 8.27
 - 1. we ourselves coming to God through Jesus
 - 2. indwelling Spirit intercedes
 - 3. God the Father searching our hearts and knowing the Spirit's mind, hears and answers accordingly Rev 2.23

YEAR 2 Lesson 23

DISCUSSION

- † What do you think causes you to feel "separated" or "far away" from the Lord?
- † When do you experience the "tug-of-war" within yourself between the sinful nature and your new life in Jesus Christ? What causes you to stumble?
- † How does trusting more and more in Jesus free you to relinquish the idols in your heart?

ENCOURAGEMENT: ISAIAH 30.19-22

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

MATT 19.16-29, PHP 3.1-4.1

"Freedom from the Tyranny of Things"

YEAR 2 Lesson 23

"Freedom from the Tyranny of Self"

TEACHING

- † Freedom from the tyranny of self
Tyranny – “Absolute power”/Self – “fleshly sin nature” Rom 8.1-8
- Idols in the heart
 ...needs/appetites Ezek 14.1-8
 ...slavery and its demands Php 3.17ff
 ...separation from the Lord Rom 6.15-16
 - Stumbling blocks before our faces
 ... “Skandalon” – rock of offense
 *That which arouses prejudice, becomes a hindrance
 to others, or causes them to fall by the way.* Matt 18.7-9
 ... our faces
 ...others Rom 14.13ff
 ...God’s stumbling block Matt 21.44
 broken or crushed? Luke 2.34
- † Set free for freedom Gal 4.21-5.1
- Two Covenants
 ...Hagar
 Mt. Sinai – children of slavery
 earthly Jerusalem, bondage
 - ...Sarah
 from above - children of promise
 heavenly Jerusalem, freedom
 - Jesus/the Cross
 ...birthed from above John 3.5-6
 ...filled with new life Rom 8.11
 ...do not use freedom to indulge the sinful nature Gal.5.13

YEAR 2 Lesson 21

DISCUSSION

- † Does the activity of praying ever frustrate you? Why?
- † When you have times of not knowing how to pray, what to ask for, or what God really wants to do in the situation, what do you do?
- † Reflect on times when you knew that what you were praying was what the Lord wanted to do. How did this make you feel?

ENCOURAGEMENT: MATTHEW 6.6-8

PRAYER....

† **Don’t forget to read and journal, and to review the Covenant on the page 4.**

NEXT LESSON

1 KGS 18.16-39, GAL 2.11-16

**“The Bondage of Duplicity and
the Single-Heartedness of True Stewardship”**

YEAR 2 Lesson 22 *"The Bondage of Duplicity and the Single-Heartedness of True Stewardship"*

TEACHING

- † Time, talent and treasure..... Luke 16.1-15
- Wasting God's gifts
 - ...everything we have comes from the Lord Deut 8.18
 - ...proud hearts forget God's generosity Matt 6.19-24
 - ...true treasure cannot serve two masters
- † Generosity of spirit..... Acts 4.32-35
- Liberality/simplicity
 - ...first to the Lord 2 Cor 8.5
 - ...for the common good 2 Cor 9.12-15
 - ...His poverty; our wealth 2 Cor 8.9
 - Sincerity/single-mindedness/singleness of heart
 - ...the bondage of duplicity Jas 1.5-11
 - ...why are you limping? 1 Kgs 18.21
 - ... "act in line with the truth of the gospel" Gal 2.14
- † "as unto the Lord"..... Col 3.17
- "Will a man rob God?" Mal 3.6-12
 - "You are bought at a price" 1 Cor 6.20
 - "I am crucified with Christ" Gal 2.20
 - "...sincere and pure devotion to Christ" 2 Cor 11.3

YEAR 2 Lesson 22

DISCUSSION

- † Do you view your life as your own? Do you feel that it is your hard work that has produced what you have? Why or why not?
- † Why is it so difficult for us to give freely? Talk about issues of trust....
- † How can simple devotion to the Lord release you from the bondage of holding on to what you think is yours?

ENCOURAGEMENT: DEUTERONOMY 15.10

PRAYER....

NEXT LESSON

EZEK 14.1-8, GAL 4.21-5.1

"Freedom from the Tyranny of Self"