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SERMON OUTLINE

FOLLOWING JESUS #17

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP IN THE KINGDOM

LUKE 14:1-35 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

In Luke 13, Jesus warned that entrance into God's kingdom requires intentional response, urging people to strive to enter through the narrow door before it is shut. He confronted false assumptions about salvation, exposed superficial repentance, and lamented over Jerusalem's unwillingness to receive Him. Luke 14 now shows what true discipleship looks like for those who respond to God's kingdom invitation.

Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath and exposed the hardened hearts of the religious leaders. He then taught about humility through a banquet illustration. In God's kingdom, the way up is down, and those who exalt themselves will be humbled. True disciples receive God's invitation with humility, not entitlement, because entrance into the kingdom

is never based on status, privilege, or self-importance. (Luke 14:1-11)

Jesus then instructed His host to welcome those who could not repay him. This teaching culminates in the Parable of the Great Banquet, where many invited guests rejected the invitation because other priorities became more important. God's kingdom invitation must be received with humility, gratitude, and urgency, not delayed by excuses or displaced by lesser concerns. (Luke 14:12-24)

Large crowds followed Jesus, but He made clear that true discipleship requires more than admiration. Loyalty to Christ must surpass every other relationship. Disciples must carry their cross and follow Him. Through the illustrations of a builder counting the cost and a king preparing for war, Jesus emphasized deliberate and wholehearted surrender.

Following Christ requires reordering every area of life under His lordship, not adding Him as one priority among many. (Luke 14:25-33)

Jesus concludes with the image of salt. Salt is valuable only when it retains its distinctiveness and usefulness. Likewise, disciples must persevere in faithful obedience. True discipleship is not merely beginning well but continuing to follow Christ faithfully until the end, remaining distinct, useful, and responsive to the voice of Jesus. (Luke 14:34-35)

True discipleship involves responding to God's invitation with humility, wholehearted surrender, and lifelong faithfulness. The purpose of this sermon is to call people to receive God's invitation, reorder their lives around Christ, and remain faithful to Him until the end. ✨

FOLLOW JESUS TO BE BUILT FOR HIS GLORY

"Consider your ways." — Haggai 1:7
REV. DON GUICO

Life today moves at a relentless pace. Our schedules are filled, our minds are occupied, and our hearts can easily become distracted by the demands and uncertainties of everyday life. In the midst of these challenges, God graciously calls His people to pause, reflect, and return to what matters most - our relationship with Him.

This year's Midyear Week of Prayer, happening June 29 to July 03, invites our entire church-family on a spiritual journey with the theme: "Reset. Return. Rebuild. Following Jesus to Be Built for His Glory" based on Haggai 1:1-2:23.

The message of Haggai remains remarkably relevant today. God spoke to His people at a time when they had become preoccupied with their own lives while neglecting His house and His purposes. Through the prophet, the Lord lovingly challenged them to examine their priorities, renew their devotion, and courageously rebuild what had been left unfinished. His call is no different for us today.

As followers of Christ, we are continually invited to reset our priorities according to God's will, return to Him with wholehearted obedience, and allow Him to rebuild our lives for His glory. While the world offers temporary solutions and shifting values, God alone provides the firm foundation upon which our lives, families and church can stand.

Throughout this five-day prayer journey, we will gather online

TO BE BUILT

each evening from 7:00-8:00 PM for a time of devotion, reflection, and united prayer. Each night's message will guide us through Haggai's powerful call to spiritual renewal:

Day 1 (June 28): Consider Our Ways (Haggai 1:1-7)

We begin by honestly examining our hearts and evaluating whether God remains our highest priority.

Day 2 (June 29): Realign to God (Haggai 1:8-15)

God calls us not merely to recognize misplaced priorities but to respond with obedience and renewed commitment to His work.

Day 3 (June 30): Work with Courage (Haggai 2:1-9)

When discouragement and fear threaten to weaken us, God's presence gives us strength to continue faithfully in the work He has entrusted to us.

Day 4 (July 1): Live Consecrated Lives (Haggai 2:10-19)

God desires more than outward activity - He calls His people to holiness, wholehearted devotion, and lives that reflect His character.

Day 5 (July 2): Hope in His Promise (Haggai 2:20-23)

Even in uncertain times, God's promises remain secure. Our confidence rests not in circumstances but in His sovereign faithfulness.

As we journey together through these passages, our prayer is not simply that we would attend another church event, but that God

would transform our hearts. True spiritual renewal begins when His people humble themselves before Him, seek His face, and respond to His Word with faith and obedience.

Our world continues to face uncertainty, conflict, economic pressures, moral confusion, and spiritual complacency. As the church of Jesus Christ, we are called not to be shaped by these challenges but to remain rooted in Christ, steadfast in His Word, and faithful to His mission. This Week of Prayer offers us a precious opportunity to seek God's wisdom, experience His renewing grace, and be strengthened together as one body.

We encourage every member, every family, every ministry, and every generation to participate faithfully each evening. Invite your loved ones, connect with your Growth Group or mentoring group, and set aside this special time to seek the Lord together.

May this Midyear Week of Prayer mark a fresh season of spiritual renewal as we reset our priorities, return wholeheartedly to God, and rebuild our lives upon Christ, so that His Church may shine brightly for His glory and faithfully fulfill His calling in these days.

Again, join us online from 7:00-8:00 PM, June 28-July 3. This will be streamed live on our official Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. Let us seek the Lord together as He builds us for His glory. ✨

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