

NURTURING LIFE

Luke 17:1-20

Matthew 28:5-7

Matthew 28:16-19, ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ **Then** Jesus came **to them** and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations...**

John 15:5; 2 Corinthians 12:10; Acts 9:26

Christ followers are called to bring salvation to our world through discipleship!

Discipleship trains people to receive God's work well in their life!

Philippians 2:12-13, ¹²... my dear friends... continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ **for it is God who works in you** to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Luke 17:11-19, ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along **the border** between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**" And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Matthew 10:34-36; Proverbs 16:1-3; John 9:1-3; Ephesians 4:15

Priestly Leaders Who Nurture Life

1) Help others joyfully receive God's Favor.

Luke 17:19, Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise . . .

Hebrews 4:15-16, ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize** with our weaknesses . . . ¹⁶ **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,** so that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace to help us** in our time of need.

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a **chosen people** . . .

2) Lead people to joyfully accept God's leadership.

Luke 17:19, Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go . . .

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood . . .

Romans 10:13, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

3) Train people who joyfully nurture God's quality of life.

Luke 17:19, Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go; your faith . . .

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation . . .

4) Develop people who joyfully reflect **God's goodness**.

Luke 17:19, Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you . . .

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **God's special possession** . . .

1Thessalonians 5:9

5) Rejoice over people joyfully declaring God's praise.

Luke 17:19, Then he (Jesus) said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

1 Peter 2:9, But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Praises – arête - the valor, virtue and excellence

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?