

Sermon Summary for 22nd April, 2018

"MISSING THE POINT OF DISCIPLESHIP"

2 Kings 5: 19 - 27 and Mark 10: 35 - 40

(Mr. Edem Senanu)

As Christians we are absolutely privileged, because at no additional cost, our heritage/inheritance in Christ includes training in a set of core beliefs and the development of a Godly value system that far supersedes any other type of value system.

This kind of training happens more effectively through intentional discipleship, which involves "a more mature Christian holding the hand of a less mature one, and teaching as well as guiding him or her to understand and **CONSTANTLY** obey God's Word and to grow into maturity". Discipleship enables every Christian to have an increasingly intimate relationship with God. Such a relationship helps us to mature and to be in a position to make Godly decisions as we confront daily issues. This is the point of discipleship.

Unfortunately many people including Christians do not have a set of beliefs, principles or values like honesty and integrity etc., that they can describe as CORE, such that these beliefs or values are not ignored, changed or thrown out of the window, whenever there is a difficulty or crises.

Jesus spent 3 years or 36 months intentionally and systematically discipling 12 local men daily. He did this to do away with any pre-existing beliefs and values that did not align with Godly values and to provide a new set of core beliefs, pulled together into a Godly value system, that ensured that every decision including the minute ones were taken based on their knowledge of God's word and a personal appreciation of what God expects his children to do.

Similarly, Prophet Elisha in the Old Testament sought to transfer core beliefs and a Godly value system to his servant or attendant Gehazi over the course of several years. Unfortunately, the text in 2 Kings 5: 15 - 27 demonstrates that in spite of all Elisha's efforts, and all the time Gehazi spent around him, Gehazi missed the point of discipleship, he did not take advantage of his master, mentor or discipler's efforts and consequently did not build a personal relationship with God, to guide his choices and actions. Three (3) lessons amongst others are apparent from the text:

1. Familiarity and proximity, do not transfer core beliefs and a value system nor produce intimacy with God. So we should not think that running around church, being part of various LIC activities or being around so-called men and women of God, will grow our relationship with God!

2. Our reality is warped or false when we have not built a personal relationship with God. Our priorities, focus, fears, efforts, including pursuing wealth, chasing opportunities, often cheating, lying, exploiting others, accepting bribes and favours emanate from not understanding that everything we need comes from a good relationship with God! He is our sufficiency, He is our provider, from Him flows everything.

3. Consequently, intimacy with God, or a deep & personal relationship with God, is the target; and discipleship facilitates this! Each of us should therefore commit and invest in developing a personal relationship with our Father, and helping others to do same. Focus on being and making disciples! **Don't be a Gehazi and miss the point of discipleship!**

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS' & ASSISTANTS' MEETING — THIS WEEK!

All Bible Study Leaders and Assistants are reminded of their meeting with the Coordinators at 6.30pm on **WEDNESDAY**, 2nd and **THURSDAY**, 3rd May.

Please prepare **Lesson 5** (The Book of Judges) **BEFORE** the meeting.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray for the leadership of LIC that God will anoint them with the Holy Spirit and with power; He will give them grace, guidance, and direction, as they lead the Church. (Acts 4:33; 10:38)

✠ Pray for good health for all church members and ask the Lord to perfect the health of all those who are sick (3 John 2)

✠ Pray that the Lord will favor all LIC members who are currently out of employment; that He will remember them and connect them to stable and financially rewarding jobs. Also, pray for God's provision and protection for their families through these times (Deut. 2:7; Psalm 92:4)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- 29 Apr: Mrs. Abena Twumwa Manteaw
- 29 Apr: Mrs. Eunice Bawah
- 30 Apr: Mr. Ebenezer Terkutey
- 30 Apr: Mr. Ebenezer Nortey
- 30 Apr: Mrs. Victoria M. Baah
- 1 May: Mr. Victor Abeku Panford
- 1 May: Ms. Carolina Esenam Gbenah
- 1 May: Mr. Worlali Senyo
- 2 May: Miss Ewurabena A. Yeboah
- 2 May: Ms. Sarah Banwa Sam
- 2 May: Mr. Loryean Tomah
- 3 May: Mr. John Henry Myers
- 3 May: Mr. Daniel Malias Abodi-Klenn
- 3 May: Mr. Ethan Edric Kweku Nartey
- 3 May: Mr. Eugene Poku Asante
- 3 May: Ms. Sefakor Agbesi
- 3 May: Ms. Paulina Akweley Addico
- 3 May: Ms. Esinam Afua Dzameshie
- 4 May: Mrs. Selasie Enyonam Agamah
- 4 May: Mr. Collins Gadawusu
- 4 May: Mrs. Mavis Dagadu-Safo
- 5 May: Ms. Anaya Afrakoma Nsarkoh
- 5 May: Master Kweku Kakraba Ocran
- 5 May: Mr. John Tanko Bayugo
- 5 May: Mr. Richard Jide Adisah
- 5 May: Mr. Kojo Derban
- 5 May: David Ebo Derban
- 5 May: Mrs. Deborah Kyei
- 5 May: Dr. Rebecca Ganusah

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 Apr: Immanuel & Selasie Agamah
- 1 May: Joseph and Agnes Budu
- 2 May: John and Agnes Abedu Quashie
- 3 May: Alfred & Efeh Amoah
- 4 May: Kofi and Therese Adomako
- 5 May: Charles & Gifty Kumi-Amoah

WELCOME



TO

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SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2018



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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning: Akwaaba!

YEAR'S THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS - A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"

SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2018 — SERVICE STARTS @ 9: 15AM
(INTERNATIONALS' DAY)

Officiant: Ms. Ella Okunmwendia
Sermon Topic: "May the Nations Praise You"
Preacher: Mr. Phil Bauman
Notices: Mr. Eric Sinayobye



Scripture Passages		Lectors in English	Lectors in Swahili, French, Chichewa & Igbo
1st	Psalm 67: 1 - 7	Mr. Henry Abraham	Ms. Maryanne Gitimu; Mrs. Lydia Dada; Mr. Ndawazhile Kaluwa; Mrs. Ijeoma Mikado
2nd	Revelation 7: 9 - 12	Mrs. Caroline Kaluwa	

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"
Closing Hymn: "All hail the power of Jesu's name"

REFLECTION: Colorful praise

Can you imagine how melodious it will be when all the nations of different languages sing in one language spontaneously and unrehearsed? Imagining the amplification, magnification and exaggeration of our united rehearsed praise today, a million times over, will still be incomparable to this moment of eternal unrehearsed colorful praise when we all stand united before the glorious throne.
—JNA (April - 2018)

STUDENTS' SERVICE @ 6:30AM
SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2018

Topic: "Jesus Must Command my Attention" Preacher: Mr. Kennedy Bomfeh
Scripture Passages: Exodus 34: 29 - 35; Mark 9: 2 - 13 Time: 6:30am
NEXT SUNDAY, 6TH MAY, 2018 (COMMUNION SERVICE)
Topic: "Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute Boy" Preacher: Mr. Theo Aryee
Scripture Passages: Exodus 4: 10 - 12; Mark 9: 14 - 29 Time: 6:30am

NEXT SUNDAY, 6TH MAY, 2018 @ 9: 15AM

Officiant: Mrs. Lillian Phillips Kumaga
Sermon Topic: "Jesus Re-States His Mission"
Preacher: Rev. Austin Okomohwo
Lectors: Mr. Fred Buame and Ms. Naa Kaaley Addo
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 52: 13 - 15; 53: 7 - 12; Mark 10: 41 - 45
Notices: Dr. Esi Ansah



Activity for 29th April, 2018

"KENKEYFEST"

Leaders:
Debbie Boamah; Adzo Baku; Rachel Odjeawo
Time is 4:00pm @ LIC

Visitors' Reception for MAY, 2018

Dr. E. Sinayobye; Dr. Mrs. Awo Asiedu;
Ms. Cecilia Adjei

DOCUMENT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you prefer to receive ONLY SOFT COPY of the AGM document, please send a message with your e-mail to the LIC WhatsApp number - 0542000687.

BABY DEDICATION

Members are reminded that **deadline to register** for the Baby Dedication (Sunday, 6th May) is **THIS Wednesday, 2nd May**.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish for the **FIRST TIME**, the banns between **Mr. William Kofi Osew** and **Ms. Vera Hackman** both of LIC.
Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE SUNDAY

Members who have questions concerning the Book of Judges or any other Sermon topic are encouraged to send them via e-mail to the Church Office latest by **Sunday, 20th May**. This is in preparation towards our Interactive Service on Sunday, 10th June, 2018.

SUNDAY, 29TH APRIL, 2018

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)
Mr. K. K. Ohene-Adu (0244-631600)
Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson (050 256 8615)
Mrs. Monica Senanu (0244748746)

ELDERS ON DUTY

Reception

Counseling

NEXT SUNDAY, 6TH MAY, 2018

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244353522)
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)
Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Mrs. Jacqueline Berko	Mr. Evans Kwame Ahorot	Nana Adwoa Eyiah
Mr. Joseph Afful Biney	Ms. Portia Konadu Yiadom	Nana Yaw Owusu
Mrs. Nkechi Anyaoku	Dr. Henry Telli	Mr. Roy Engre Kotchi
Mr. Nzube Anyaoku	Mr. Kojo Dapaah	Mr. Charles Kwesi Agyeman
Mr. Oscar Adoo-Adeku	Ms. Ama Serwah Boateng	Ms. Mercy Harley

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12 noon on Wednesday: Mr. Kofi Yeboah - 0244875493 and Mrs. Ruth Opoku - 0509547267. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**



MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

YEAR THEME: "THE MISSION OF JESUS — A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP"
Coordinator - Ms. Patience Ampomah (026 714 0558)

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Fri. 4-May	10:00pm-4:00am	Mr. Collins Gadawusu	All-Night Prayer Meeting	BREAKING THE ALTARS (Deuteronomy 7:1-11)	Mr. Yaw Adum-Atta
Wed. 9-May	6:30pm-8:00pm	Mr. William Berko Asamoah	Prayer & Teaching Service	"The Believer's Mission: The Essence of the Ministry Gifts (The Lord Jesus Christ)" (Ephesians 4: 7-14)	Mr. Kofi Osew
SUN. 13-May	9:15am	Prof Esther Sakyi-Dawson	AGM	"The God of Comfort" (Isaiah 66: 12 - 14; 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 4)	Mr. Theo Aryee
Wed. 16-May	6:30pm-8:30pm	Mr. Vincent Dogbey	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)	To be led by Mr. Eugene Birikorang. Music by the LIC Choir.	

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 7:30 am - 7:50 am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Monday: In the Vestry @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which will be from 6.30 - 8.30 pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7:00 - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10 pm - 4:00 am in the Sanctuary.

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Sunday: 8:00 - 9:00am; Monday: 6:45 - 8:00pm