

Buckhurst Hill Baptist Church *Life Group notes*

The rhythm of a Fathers heart

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To live in the rhythm of our heavenly Fathers heart is to love people and our city/community!
To live in the rhythm of the Fathers heart is to make disciples! The BIG commandment shows us this truth!

Matt 28:17-20 ESV

17 And when they saw him they **worshiped him**, but some **doubted**.

You worship someone or something of which you have a high opinion!

Doubted: **διστάζω distázō**, dis-tad'-zo; from [G1364](#); waver (in opinion):—doubt.

Some disciple's opinion about Christ was off-centre...

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me**.

Jesus defines what the opinion should be about Him (Doxa – Greek (Hebrew origin Kavod means opinion) for Glory.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Throughout the New Testament Jesus command His followers to: Love your God with all of you and like in importance love your neighbour! (Matt 22:37-40)

Three types of Christians:

1 Joh 2: 12 - 14

12 I am writing to you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, **fathers**, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Christian babies

Christian teens

Christian adults (key here is to have childlike faith)

How do we do it?

We feel powerless in leading people to Christ. We want to be mature Christians, we want to be spiritual fathers and mothers but lack the boldness to make disciples. There is a promised empowerment that we can rely on!

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Power:

δύναμις *dýnamis*, doo'-nam-is; from [G1410](#); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):—ability, abundance, meaning, might(-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle(-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

The Obstacle is our understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives

Joh 16:8-11

8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

Sin:

ἁμαρτία, -ας, ἡ, (from 2 aorist ἁμαρτεῖν, as ἀποτυχία from ἀποτυχεῖν), **a failing to hit the mark** (see ἁμαρτάνω). In Greek writings (from Aeschylus and Thucydides down). 1st, **an error** of the understanding

Righteousness:

δικαιοσύνη, -ης, ἡ, (**δίκαιος**); most frequently in the Sept. for **רָצַף** and **הִרְצַף**, rarely for **רָצַף**; the virtue or quality or state of one who is **δίκαιος**;

1. in the broad sense, **the state of him who is such as he ought to be, righteousness** (German Rechtbeschaffenheit); **the condition acceptable to God**(German Gottwohlgefälligkeit);

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a disciple is to give power to be His witnesses with the knowledge that we HAVE been accepted by our Father. We make disciples from a position of acceptance by the Father!

Discussion Questions:

1. How do we stay in the rhythm of our Fathers heart? (Matt 22:37-40)
2. Define the three type of Christians we get in church? (1 Joh 2: 12 – 14)
3. What is the Holy Spirits role in making disciples? (Acts 1:8 & Joh 16: 8 – 10)