# Week One: September 10 (Kickoff Sunday) "Real Faith Does: A Real Picture of Faith"

**Three-Step Discipleship Definition:** "Follow Jesus Christ. Work Together. Serve the Kingdom of God."

Scripture(s) - James 2:14-19

**Key Verse** - "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it?" (James 2:14)

Focus Point - Get into the business of DOING church, not just TALKING about BEING church.

**Lesson Summary:** As Christian disciples, it is not enough for us to solely have faith without works. What good is our faith if we don't put it into everyday practice so others can see the love of God at work? Today's lesson will challenge us to reflect on where, how, when, and where we can apply our faith to real-world practices. Most importantly, we will discuss why this matters and help us make our faith apparent and real.

#### **Take Home Statement:**

"Real Faith requires BOTH WORKS and FAITH."

### **END OF CLASS QUESTIONS**

- 1. My biggest takeaway from today's lesson was:
- 2. One action step I want to take this week to put my faith into action is:
- 3. One action step I believe Reveille could take to better help its members and

## Week Two: September 17 "A Real Picture of People"

**Three-Step Discipleship Definition:** "Follow Jesus Christ. Work Together. Serve the Kingdom of God."

#### Scripture(s): James 2:1-13

**Key Verse:** "Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

Focus Point: In life AND death, we are ALL EQUIVALENT in the eyes of God.

**Lesson Summary:** As Christian disciples, we are all a part of the same body, but each of us has differing functions. We are not all equipped with the same gifts and graces as our neighbors, which at times, can make it hard for us to find commonality and mutuality amongst one another. However, even in light of our differences in circumstances, experiences, perspectives, and more, through Christ, we always have the opportunity to build bridges and extend our hands to uplift others. In today's lesson, we will examine how our faith directly challenges us to care for those who are different from us, whether it be in socioeconomic status, class, race, gender, age, or belief. How can we come together and share in the unique gifts that God graced each of us with?

#### **Take Home Statement:**

"Real Faith SERVES even those who are DIFFERENT FROM US."

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## Week Three: September 24 "A Real Problem - Taming the Tongue"

**Three-Step Discipleship Definition:** "Follow Jesus Christ. Work Together. Serve the Kingdom of God."

#### Scripture(s): James 3:1-6

**Key Verse:** "So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!" (James 3:5)

Focus Point: Walk in God's Word by WATCHING YOUR WORDS.

**Lesson Summary:** As Christian disciples, we have all been entrusted with gifts from God. Regardless of whatever gifts those are, once we've been entrusted with them, we are ultimately responsible for how we utilize them. As the great Spiderman once said, "With great power comes great responsibility." Bearing this in mind, those of us who have been gifted with communication have a responsibility to be mindful of our words, as we know that when they are used recklessly, they have the capacity to cut deeper than any blade. Today's lesson will challenge us as communicators to reflect on our sense of God-given responsibility and inform us on how we can better use our words to build up others instead of breaking them down.

#### **Take Home Statement:**

"Real Faith EQUIPS US to be RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF OUR WORDS."

### END OF CLASS QUESTIONS

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## Week Four: October 1 "The Real Possibilities of Prayer"

**Three-Step Discipleship Definition:** "Follow Jesus Christ. Work Together. Serve the Kingdom of God."

#### Scripture(s): James 5:13-18

Key Verse: "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)

#### Focus Point: Prayer really DOES work.

**Lesson Summary:** As Christian disciples, God has provided us with a means of communicating through prayer. Through prayer, we can non-judgingly share our burdens, confess our deepest sins, and cast our anxieties upon our God, who lovingly listens to us. Even when we don't have the words to pray for what we need, God listens to our hearts. This is all because God desires to have a relationship with us and through this desire, Jesus Christ our Lord and the Son of God, was given in our place to die for our sins. As those who have been freed from the debts of sin through this gift of God's grace, we now are presented with the opportunity to continue investing in this relationship. Today's lesson serves as a reminder of the miraculous power of having a relationship with God and through engaging in prayer, we can begin to experience the boundless depths of love, hope, peace, and joy that daily prayer brings to our lives.

#### **Take Home Statement:**

"Real Faith is BEING GROUNDED in the HOPE that PRAYER WORKS."

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