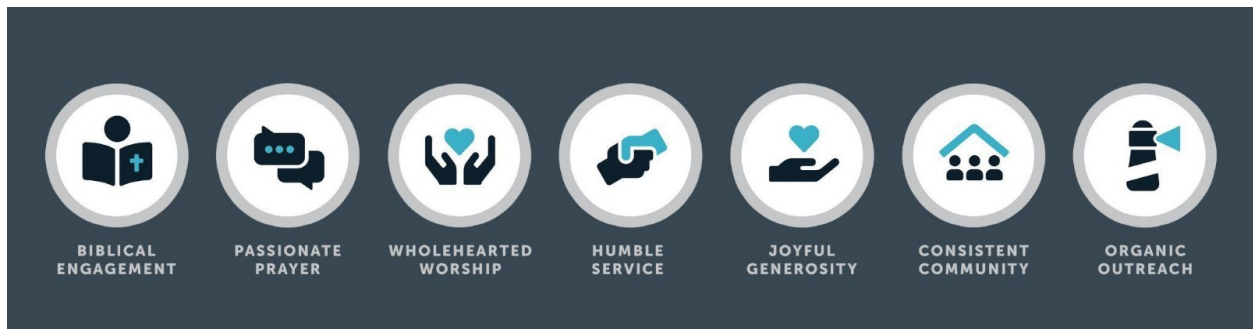


Organic Disciples

SERMON NOTES

February 16, 2025
Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

Organic Disciples: “Consistent Community”



Jesus is our model and made us for consistent community with Him and with others.

Jesus is our _____ and _____ for consistent community with Him and with others. [Mark 12:29-31; John 13:34-35; Matthew 28:16-20]

Our God _____ consistent community and _____ us for consistent community. [Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20]

Consistent community is _____ and shows the _____ and _____ of Jesus. [Ephesians 2:11-21; Matthew 18:15-22]

Next Step Questions:

- **Are you in consistent community with Jesus and with others?**
- **Will you consider your next steps with consistent community?**
 - Take the first step: Share a meal, take a walk, encourage someone.
 - Connect: Come consistently to worship services.
 - Grow: Join a Pathway group.
 - Serve: Serve with God and with others.

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LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

How is God at work in and around your life?

- 1. Understanding Community:**
 - How does the sermon define "consistent community," and why is it important for spiritual growth?
 - In what ways did Jesus model consistent community during His ministry on earth?
- 2. Biblical Foundations:**
 - Reflect on Mark 12:29-31 and John 13:34-35. How do these passages emphasize the importance of loving God and others in the context of community?
 - How does Matthew 28:16-20 illustrate the concept of community in the Great Commission?
- 3. Personal Experience:**
 - Can you share a personal story where being part of a community has impacted your faith journey?
 - Have you ever felt a gap in community, and how did you address it?
- 4. The Role of the Church:**
 - According to the sermon, what is the role of the church in fostering consistent community?
 - How does Francis Chan's quote about church challenge our traditional views of church participation? He said, "Church is not just sitting, attending, and listening to a sermon. It's to really know each other, love each other, and be one with one another."
- 5. Challenges and Healing:**
 - Read Ephesians 2:11-21 and Matthew 18:15-22.
 - The sermon mentions that community can be broken, complicated, and painful. How can we work through these challenges to experience the healing and life-giving aspects of community?
 - Discuss Pastor Brian's "Peter Principle": How can understanding that "hurting people hurt people, but healing people heal people" change our approach to community?
- 6. Practical Next Steps:**
 - What are some practical steps you can take to engage more deeply in consistent community with Jesus and others?
 - How can sharing a meal, taking a walk, or encouraging someone be a first step towards building community?
 - Reflect on the question: Are you in consistent community with Jesus and with others? What steps can you take to improve this?
 - Consider the next steps mentioned in the sermon (Connect, Grow, Serve). Which of these steps resonates with you, and how can you implement it in your life?
- 7. How can we pray for you and support you this week?**

Pathway reminder: please take the assessment to help yourself and Pathway? www.pathwayvb.com/survey

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February 2 - 8, 2025

FINANCIALS

\$28,380 down 16.4% to budget for W/E 2/8/25

\$174,108 down 28.0% to budget for Year to Date

\$213,701 Net Revenue after including other income through December 2024

\$280,277 for Missions or 14.1% of General Giving YTD through December 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1302

Online: 241

In Person Sunday Attendance: 679

Kids Sunday/Wednesday: 173

Students Sunday/Wednesday: 209

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 22

Discipleship Groups: 281

Salvations (YTD): 122

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 21

Weekly Volunteers: 106