



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Life Group Leaders,

It's all about discipleship this week. Are you a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ? If so, what does that mean? Can you be a born-again Christian without being a disciple? Is discipleship a nice accessory you can add to your life if you want a closer relationship with Jesus? Or is denying your self and following Christ part of what's involved in becoming a Christian?

Those are some the questions you'll face as you prepare for this week's lesson. Our study comes from Luke 9:18-27, where Jesus describes the confession, the commitment, and the compensation of those who call themselves disciples. To help you answer the questions and lead this week's discussion, we've included a message on discipleship by John MacArthur and a coaching tip with ideas about how to use your small group as a vehicle for making disciples. I hope you'll take time to absorb what both of them have to say.

One opportunity to grow in your commitment to Christ and to help someone else in the process is the Northwest Ministry Conference at Overlake Church in Kirkland on March 19-20. We are encouraging leaders and prospective leaders from every area of ministry to set aside those two days to sharpen their skills by attending the workshops offered at the conference. Workshops are available on virtually every aspect of ministry – including small groups, children, youth, men's, women's, worship, drama, and camping ministries. And if you can't afford to pay the registration fee yourself, we have partial scholarships to help. Right now 15 of us from FBC are registered to attend. All you have to do is leave a message at the church office (426-8461) and we'll add you to our group.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in ministry! We appreciate you!

Pastors Gary and Glen