Cornerstone: July 21, 2018 Prayer Meeting -Tommy Reynolds

 **Discipleship**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

(Observe a period of silence, allowing our minds to become clear and our hearts to become open)

# Opening Prayer

**Leader**: Let us pray.

Loving God, I thank you for choosing me to be your disciple and for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Help me proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel

by word and by deed today and every day.

Open my heart to the outcast, the forgotten,

the lonely, the sick, and the poor.

Grant me the courage to think, to choose, and to live as a Christian,

joyfully obedient to God.

Amen.

We ask this In Jesus' name, Amen.

**All: Amen.**

**Theme**

**Leader:** We are called by Jesus to be His disciples, and to make disciples of others. It is quite the powerful calling, one that has greatly inspired many over time.

**Reflection Song**

**Chris Tomlin – “I Will Follow”**

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow

All your ways are good
All your ways are sure
I will trust in you alone

Higher than my side
High above my life
I will trust in you alone

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you

Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you
I will follow you

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for you alone

You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in you alone
In you alone

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you

Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you
I will follow you

In you, there's life everlasting
In you, there's freedom for my soul
In you, there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you

Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow you

Who you love, I'll love
How you serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you
I will follow you
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 **Bible Reflection**

# The Word of God

**Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Reader:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

 “Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**All: Glory to You Lord**

**Reflection**

**Silent Reflection:** Please take a few moments to silently reflect on the last lines of Matthew’s Gospel, and what it means to you.

**Shared Reflection:** *Share with the group a reflection or any question that touches you.*

1. What does being a disciple mean to you?
2. In what ways can you become a devoted disciple of Jesus?
3. What in the life of Jesus do you find most attractive? In what ways can you try to imitate Jesus?
4. As a disciple of Jesus, how can you best go about affecting your community, your network of friends, co-workers and family, to create more followers of Jesus?

# Conversational Prayer

1. Thank you, Lord. Thank Jesus for people you care about, calling

 them by name. Be audible and brief.

2. Help me, Lord. Be honest, specific and to the point. Jesus asks, “What do you want me to do for you? Answer him by praying for yourself (that is, for your problems, for forgiveness, guidance, healing) using the pronoun “I” “my” and “me.

3. Help my brother/ sister Lord. Pray for each person by name when

 you pray.

# Closing Prayer

**Leader:** I pray Lord that all gathered here, and those brothers who are not with us this morning but are in our thoughts and our hearts, are open to being your disciples and spreading your Word. Amen.

**All: Our Father ……**