



Oh, the places Jesus went...

I praise God that He is our Savior. He came to earth on a mission and nothing deterred him from it. I also believe that when you look at the life of Jesus there is so much to glean for our lives. For instance when we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he had four places that He fostered in the life of the disciples.

1. One-on-One with God the Father

And early in the morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there. ([Mark 1:35](#))

Continually we see in the gospels where Jesus went alone and prayed to the Father. Jesus pulled away from others and the disciples and just spent solitary time with God.

2. Jesus had a couple of others

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)

We see in the gospels a number of occasions where Jesus left others and the disciples to take just a few others with Him. These few others experienced another level of intimacy with God. When our faith is always in bigger groups, where are the people with whom we can share trials and struggles? Where are the people with whom we can share the deepest parts of our hearts? Where are the others who are really praying for us?

3. Jesus and the disciples (small group)

And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: (Luke 6:13)

Jesus had 12 men with whom he “did life with.” They were with him for the majority of his days and nights. This is critical in spiritual formation, a small group of people with whom we can share life with. A group of people where we can study the Word, ask questions, pray with and for each other.

4. Jesus in Corporate Worship

Jesus entered the temple courts... (Matthew 21:12)

We know that it was the regular practice of Jesus to go to the temple courts and the synagogues. He went and participated in corporate worship. He did not see Him above or against the church, even those He came to save.

I don't believe in any way that the life of Jesus was haphazard or wondering. I believe He intentionally fostered all of these place and precious occasions to communion with the Father and others. When we live with intention and we purposely put ourselves in these places, this is where we will grow and develop in our walk with Jesus. How will we spend time with the time that God gives us? The creator of the universe waits to be with you. Go for it...I know you will be glad you did.

Fall Events & Happenings

LINDA BAUER CELEBRATION OF LIFE WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, September 16 at 10:30am in the sanctuary. All are invited to a Fellowship meal to follow in Baldwin Hall. Bring a main dish or dessert to pass if you desire. For questions regarding the meal please contact Wade and Tricia Patterson.

WELCOME LUNCH

Sunday, September 17, following the 11 am service in the Ministry Center. This is a place to quickly and simply connect with what happens at the Vine. We will discuss the story of the Vine along with the vision God has given us to pursue. Please circle **WELCOME LUNCH** on your connection card by 9/10 so that we can plan accordingly.

REFRESHED WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 23, at 9 am in the Sanctuary. Guest Speaker: Mindy Sauer, (anotherdaycloser.com, bensauer.blogspot.com) Topic: Finding joy and having peace amidst a storm. Sign up at the Welcome Center or circle **WOMEN'S BRKFST** on your connection card on Sunday morning. Please bring a breakfast dish to pass.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

There's still time to sign-up for FPU! Learn God's ways of handling money. This nine week course will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning this Wednesday, September 13. We have a limited number of kits available for \$80 which includes everything you need to put you on the road to Financial Freedom. If interested, circle **FPU** on your connection card or email Bob & Diane Emser at demser07@yahoo.com for more information.

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

Sunday, October 1, at 11am in the Ministry Center. If you have a child you would like dedicated at our Celebration Services on Sunday, October 29th, please circle **DEDICATION CLASS** on your connection card on Sunday morning and plan on attending.

FUSION CLASSES

Wednesday, October 4 & 11, 7-9pm, Ministry Center Conference Room. During this time we will share the story and vision of the Vine Wesleyan Church, how to live a life of holiness, how to share your faith in meaningful ways and how to become a member of the Vine Wesleyan Church. If you would like to attend, please circle **FUSION** on your connection card on Sunday morning.

FALL FESTIVAL OUTREACH

Mark your calendar—Saturday, October 7, from 11am-3pm— for our biggest outreach event of the year! This year Fall Festival will be held right here at The Vine. This is a great way to spend ministering to our community and getting to know others from The Vine as you work side-by-side. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, sign-ups will be on September 16, 23 and 30 before and after Sunday services. You can also see Tim Delaney for additional information or questions.

FALL FESTIVAL CANDY DONATIONS

We give out LOADS OF candy at our Fall Festival and the kids LOVE it! If you would like to donate some prewrapped candy for the event, you can place them in the bin marked “Fall Festival Candy” at the sanctuary door near the refreshment table.

MORNING PRAYER

Thursdays, 10-11am. Please join Pastors Christopher and Tammy in the prayer room or sanctuary to pray for our church and region.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Check out our Vine calendar <http://vinewc.org/calendar/> for more upcoming events.