

Devotional *Lorne Sanny*

I. Introduction.

- A. With age in the ministry has come less intimidation.
- B. The reason for the ministry today is not because of leadership but because God was intent on fulfilling His promises.
- C. When life winds down one spends more and more time with family.
- D. The book we write is our life.
- E. The heart of the ministry is being saved by the Son and being sent by Him. (1 John 4:14, John 2:21)
- F. A view on discipleship.
 - 1. Text: Matthew 11:28-30.
 - 2. Jesus gives a prescription for rest that is also an invitation to true discipleship.

II. Jesus' prescriptions.

- A. Come to me.
 - 1. Come means "over here, by me."
 - 2. There are too many voices in the world directed towards us. (Proverbs 18:24)
 - 3. We are to go over to the master and find rest.
 - 4. Even the godly go astray. We need forgiveness, cleansing, guidance and the filling of the Spirit, so we come to Jesus. (Psalm 119:14, John 5)
 - 5. We come to Jesus because He is life. (Psalm 73:25)
 - 6. Everything must take second place to Jesus.
- B. Yoke with me.
 - 1. A yoke is a horizontal frame that attaches two animals together.
 - 2. It is both Jesus and you who are to work. (Philippians 2)

3. We are to seek peace. The Spirit leads by a gentle tug. Whenever we do not have peace about a direction, we ought not to take it. (Colossians 3:15)

C. Learn from me.

1. Learning happens when going through life together with Jesus.

2. We learn from Him because He is gentle and humble, and He is in it with us.

3. Make it your ambition to live a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your own hands so that you will win the respect of outsiders. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)

4. Our business is to teach people how to live the Christian life. (Titus, 1 Peter 3:7)

III. Conclusion.

Application questions.

1. What stands out to you about the discipleship as presented by Matthew 11? What about it might have gone against your expectations?

2. In what situations can you personally apply the principles for discerning God's guidance in your life today?

3. Discipleship is Jesus centered. Is your discipleship Jesus centered? In what ways might you affirm this? In what ways might you come short? Explain what you might do to make Christ the center of your life.
