

Richmond Hill Baptist Church
February 28, 2010
3D Discipleship & the Lord's Supper
Luke 9:23

Prelude

Call to Worship: *Be Thou My Vision*

Pray & Welcome: Welcome to Richmond Hill Baptist Church. If you are a guest please take a Connect Card and fill it out and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. Let's take a moment and greet one another!

On Thursday we have a Shinney Hockey game planned. If you interested talk to Steve Munro. His contact information is in the bulletin.

I here there's hockey game today! It's an exciting time to be in Canada and I am hoping for 14 Gold medals for Team Canada. As exciting as Hockey it pales to contest that took place 2,000 years ago. At the cross Satan and his cohorts seemed to have victory in hand in period and two but in the 3 period Christ defeated sin, death, and Satan. He is worthy of our praise would you join me in celebrating our great God.

Sing: *You're Worthy of my Praise, Revelation Song, You are My All in All*

Children's Corner: (Alyssa Baker)

Offering:

Business Meeting Highlights:

Tina Mingle, Church Treasurer
Evelyn Kusi-Sekyere, Envelope Secretary
Maria Nelly Gomez, Finance Team

Long Range Planning Committee: Bob C, Gordon G. Barry P, Jeff S. Deanna B, & Tim M.

18 New Members formally approved: Vaughan's, Goods, Stott's, Coffman's, Kosasih's, Sadie Scott, Chris Kong, Mike Plooy, Thomas Verboom,

Amanda Porter, p/t Director of Outreach

Vancouver Winter Olympic Outreach Report: Amanda, Cindy, Stephanie

Offertory: *What Grace is Mine*

Sermon: 3D Discipleship

Today we are going to talk about 3D Discipleship.

Many of you understand that three dimensional is something having three dimensions e.g. width, length, and height also known as depth.

Drawings that are two dimensional fail to communicate depth and appear to be flat, fake, and superficial. A good artist will use various techniques to create a sense of depth in his or her work.

A 3D or "three-dimensional" film enhances the illusion of depth perception.

3D Glasses can create an illusion of three dimensions on a two dimensional surface. They do this by providing each eye with different visual information when viewed on specially prepared images.

The classic 3D glasses, like these, have one red lens and one blue lens that produce a dull black and white picture. Sorry I didn't get you the polarized 3D glasses that allow for 3D color imaging.

Here let's try the ones that you have!

I have a little 3D video clip called the "Faces of Earth." The cool thing about this video is that it conveys the appearance depth without the glasses.

Sadly there are Christians in our world today that have no spiritual depth and they portray a shallow almost fake Christianity which is really not attractive to anyone.

Jesus despised hypocrisy and he was anything but fake & shallow. His life, his ministry, his teaching, and especially his death on the cross demonstrate a spiritual depth of mercy, love, and grace that is genuine and so amazing.

Consider with me Luke chapter 9:23 and the demands that Jesus places upon His disciples.

Luke 9:18-27:

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" ¹⁹ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." ²⁰ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." ²¹ Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. ²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." ²³ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his

life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? ²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ you must first understand who He is and what He did!
(verses 20 & 21)

This is just the starting place but many stop here.

3D Discipleship

3 Ways to Deepen Your Walk with Christ

Luke 9:23:

Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

****Write out this outline on your 3D glasses!

1. Deny Yourself

I do not think that Jesus is talking about life of asceticism where we deny ourselves of our basic needs and the joy filled abundant life.

Certainly God does not want us to be greedy, selfish, lustful, or materialistic.

I think Jesus used the word deny in a different way. The kind of deny where you verbally renounce knowledge or relationship.

Luke 9:23: ²⁰ *“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”*

Context: Peter got the right answer but then Peter denied the Lord three times (Luke 22:34, 54-60).

Luke 9:26:

²⁶ *If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.*

Matthew 10:32-33:

³² *“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.*

John 3:30: *He must become greater; I must become less.*

Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding and in all of your ways acknowledge him.*

Apply: Things are good! Acknowledge God, thank Him, Praise Him.
Things aren't so good! Come to Him.

2. Daily be a Living Sacrifice

Luke 9:23:

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Does this mean carry a cross around all the time? Here is my cross! Arthur Blessit carried a cross all around the world!

Romans 12:1-2:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 6:11-14:

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.¹⁴ For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Colossians 3:5:

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

2 Corinthians 5:15:

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

3. Determine to Follow Christ

Luke 9:23: *Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

Matthew 4:19:

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.

John 12:26: *Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

To follow Christ we have to know where he is headed! Let me show where He is headed. He came here 2,000 years and some day he is coming back again.

See video clip: 3D Globe

We had 42 out yesterday for the DR Training. I told them when we follow Christ he takes us the hungry, the hurt, the lonely, and the lost.

At home take a Sharpie and draw a draw on your lenses and place them where you will see them to start your day.

To follow Christ we have to have a vision of where He is headed.

In just a few minutes we will participate in the Lord's Supper as a reminder of what he has done, what he is doing, and a reminder that he wants us to come with Him.

Response:

1. Lord help me deny myself acknowledging you in a greater way and if I have been ashamed of you please forgive me.
2. Lord help me be a living sacrifice for you and please forgive me of any sin in my life.
3. Lord help me to follow you each day of my life.

Response: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

The Lord's Supper:

If you are a believer of like faith and practice we invite you to join us in the Lord's Supper.

Would our servers please join me at the table?

The Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

Prayer: Father we thank you for Jesus and we thank you for the cross. As we eat this bread remind us of your great love and your mission. In Jesus Name I pray Amen.

Serve the Bread – In remembrance of Christ take and eat this bread. (*Come to Me*)

The Cup

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he (Jesus) took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Prayer: Father we thank you for Jesus and the forgiveness we have through him because of his blood that was shed on the cross. As we drink this cup remind us of your great salvation and forgiveness. In Jesus name I pray Amen.

Serve the Juice – In remembrance of Christ take and drink this cup. Please pass your cups to the inside row and we will pick them up later. (*How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*)

Postlude: *Hallelujah*