**RECEIVE**

Decisions that Encourage Discipleship

Choosing to intentionally grow into Christlikeness

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” Hosea 4:6*

Unit 101 Choosing to leave the place where Jesus finds me

*(Luke 9:23a) “if anyone will come after me…”*

Class 101-1: Deciding to Believe & Trust

**Class 101-2: Deciding to Hear & Pray**

***Psalm 127:1a “Unless the Lord builds a house, They who build it labor in vain”***

**Receive: (John 1:11-13)** *“He came to His own, and His own people did not accept Him.****12But as many as received Him****, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name,****13****who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God.”*

\*\*Jesus has promised to meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19)

\*\*He has promised to never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5)

\*\*He has promised to work good out of all that happens (Romans 8:28)

\*\*He has promised His victory for us (I Corinthians 15:57, II Cor. 2:14)

\*\*He has promised to help us overwhelmingly conquer (Romans 8:37)

\*\*He has promised to fight our battles and win (Romans 16:20)

\*\*He has promised to help us do all things (Philippians 4:13)

\*\*He has promised to reign with us in heaven forever (Romans 8:17)

**(These verses are only a few of his promises for believers)**

…Can you trust the testimonies of thousands who have walked with Jesus?

…Can you trust His promises in Scripture?

…Can you trust the character of God Himself?

**Deciding to Hear**

**John 10:27-28** *“My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”*

Scripture is a way we hear the voice of God. The Holy Spirit is a way of communication to us. Followers of Christ are a way we hear God’s voice.

**What are some of the ways you believe God has spoken to you?**

…does it bother you that different people hear from God differently?

…what are some of the ways others have told you they heard from God?

***Psalm 119: 9-12*** *“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. I have****treasured*** *Your word in my heart, so  
that I may not sin against You. Blessed are You, Lord; Teach me Your statutes.”*

\*\* Is there a promise to claim? \*\* Is there a command to obey?

\*\* Is there a challenge to consider? \*\*Is there an example to follow?

\*\*Is there a sin to avoid? \*\*Is there a question I need to explore?

**Hal Perkins: “Being Discipled by Jesus?”**

…How is God manifesting Himself in this passage? … What can we learn about Him from these Words?... What do you think He wants to teach us from this time with Him? …what is your greatest blessing right now? ... What is a big concern in your life as you have read this Scripture?

**Deciding to Pray**

***Romans 8:26-28 “****Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;**and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”*

\*\* Praising: God’s character and goodness

\*\* Thanksgiving: God’s protection and providence

\*\* Listening: God’s “still, small voice”

***Isaiah 30:21*** *“Your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right or to the left.”*

***Psalm 46:10*** *“Stop striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth.”*

\*\* Asking: (lightening back to Heaven—Anne Graham Lotz)

***I John 5:14-15*** *“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked…”*

***John 15:7*** *“If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”*

…Special Reference Material: “Discipling Future Leaders”…Hal/Debbie Perkins

**GO FOLLOW JESUS THIS WEEK!!!**