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Decisions that Encourage Discipleship

Choosing to intentionally grow into Christlikeness.

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

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**Unit 101 Choosing to leave the place where Jesus finds me.**

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

**Unit 102 Choosing to Serve Jesus where He Leads me.**

*(Luke 9:23b) “…let him deny himself…”*

**Unit 103 Choosing to Learn from Jesus as He guides me.**

*(Luke 9:23c) “…take up his cross daily…”*

**103.4 “The Nurture of Cross-Bearing”**

**Acts 20:17-21**(Paul to Ephesus on his journey to Rome) *“From Miletus he sent word to Ephesus and called to himself the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them, ‘You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,**serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;**how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was beneficial, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

**Acts 2:43-46** *“Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all the believers were together and had all things in common; and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.”*

**Hebrews 10:19-25a** *“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh,**and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let’s approach God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let’s hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let’s consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds,**not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another…”*

**Interceding as a Cross we bear for Others.**

**Isaiah 32:30-32** *“And on the next day Moses said to the people, ‘You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.’* *Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, ‘Oh, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for*

*themselves! But now, if You will forgive their sin, very well; but if not, please wipe me out from Your book which You have written!”*

**I Timothy 2:5** *“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,**who gave Himself as a ransom for all….”*

***Hebrews 7:24-25*** *“Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.* *He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”*

**Romans 8:31-34** *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**Who will bring charges against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.”*

**Isaiah 59:16** *“And He saw that there was no man and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His ﻿own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him.”*

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**\*\*Can you think of 10 people you know who need to find Jesus?**

**\*\* What would you do to try to help them change their lives?**

**\*\*What would Jesus want you to do to help them?**

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**II Corinthians 4:3-6** *“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,**in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they will not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* *For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bondservants on account of Jesus. For God, who said, ‘Light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”*

**I Peter 5:6-9** *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time,* *having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. So, resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world.”*