

Refrigerator Notes 11 June 2017  
'Trusting in the Lord's Word'  
Matthew 28:16-20

1. Our scripture centered on the characteristics of the disciple as it related to our Lord Jesus relationship with them.
2. I listed seven qualities that are required in any relationship; Loyalty, Patience, a serving heart, honest communication, acceptance (common purpose) and trust.
3. Of the seven qualities, no relationship can survive without 'Trust'
4. There many have times when the disciple doubted their Lord, but they trusted Him enough to carry our His instructions.
5. I shared with the congregation seven principles that have ground me in trusting in the Lord as His disciple (as contained in Proverbs 3  
First: Don't depend on yourself, but learn to trust in the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and lean not unto your understanding.  
Second: We must learn to cry out to God: Surrendering to God begins with our lips and our thoughts; we need to cry out to Him to show that dependence.  
Third: We must learn to run from evil : "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil." (Proverbs 3:7).  
Fourth: We must learn to put God first in all things and seek His guidance in all things  
Fifth: All truth comes from God and the Word; in good times as well as bad times seek the Word of God which will clarify all things.  
Sixth: the most important thing I could share with you – learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and don't despise the Lord's corrections; the Holy Spirit is a Counselor that the Lord has given His disciples.  
Seventh: learn to rest in God's love; the Lord will never forsake or leave His disciples.
6. Discipleship is more than a call; it is a lifestyle that is never to stop, that must never stop until we are called home to eternity with our Lord.
7. Discipleship is also reciprocal, the great commission is that we are called to make disciples of others in the image of our Lord and not our own image.
8. Our job as disciple is to catch and train others; which mean a disciple must not only know the Word of God but must be able to teach and understand God's Word.
9. The Formula is simple: **We are to become His disciples! We are to be disciple! We are to disciple others so they can, in turn, disciple others** – we need to disciple ourselves if we expect others to disciple themselves.
10. The call to disciple all nations is all about living our lives for Christ-following, learning, listening, observing, and experiencing life directly with Jesus through His Word along with council and instructions from godly, mature Christians.
11. Having problems with being a disciple; change the company that you keep.
12. You need to know that your efforts to honor Christ is by obeying His call to make disciples of all nations is something that you can do – if you thirst for Jesus, His invitation is extended to all!