The Most Important Thing Ever Luke 10:38-42

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Make knowing Jesus the supreme priority of your life.

Why we struggle.....

- 1) We fill our lives with <u>distractions</u> and self-imposed <u>demands</u>.
- 2) We value doing for God more than being with God.
- 3) We believe we <u>already</u> know all there is to <u>know</u>.

Make a regular practice of sitting with Jesus.....

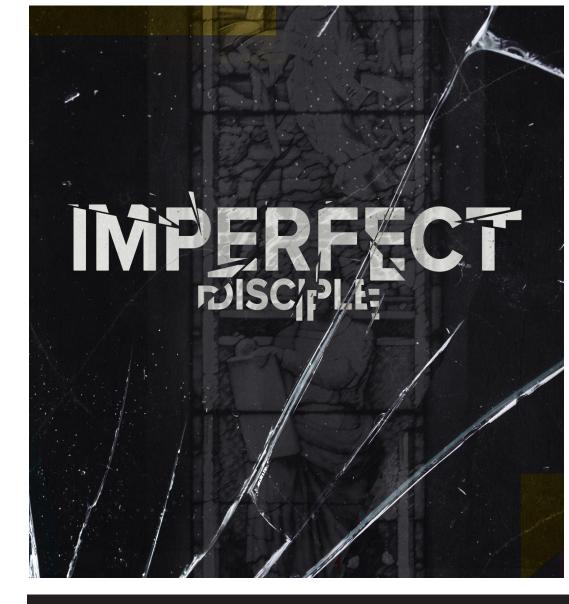
- 1) Enjoy the simple presence of God in silence, without the need to offer words.
- 2) Listen for God's word to me in Scripture for this particular moment.
- 3) Thoughtfully express to God the thoughts and feelings of my mind and heart.
 - Rich Villodas

Take digital notes on the GFC App!

Visit gfcnow.com/newapp to learn more and download.

How can we pray for you?

God invites us to cast our cares on Him because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). We are also encouraged to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Share your prayer requests online so GFC staff can pray for you and we can pray for each other. (Can submit anonymously) • gfcnow.com/prayer





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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you've joined us today! If you're new to GFC **text "NewHere" to 94000**. We have a special gift for you! Follow the prompts, and your gift will be ready for you at the New Here table immediately after the service, or mailed to you if you're joining us online.

COME

You've found a place where everybody's welcome, nobody's perfect, and anything can happen! Below are other opportunities to participate in the life of GFC.

Grace Kids (infants-5th grade) When: Sundays during 9:15am & 11am services

Access Special Needs Ministry

What: Access is GFC's ministry to individuals with special needs and their families.
Access Kids – Sundays at 9:15 & 11am
Access Adults – Sundays at 9:15am

Grace Young Adults (18-early 30s)
Instagram.com/grace_young_adults
SUMMER PARK NIGHTS
When: Every Thursday at 6:30pm,
May 19 - July 27.
Where: Willow Springs Park

Grace Students (6th-12th grade)
Middle School Mornings (6th-8th grade)
When: Sundays, during 11am service
Where: Upstairs Auditorium
*Last regular weekly meeting until August.
Stay tuned for some fun summer events
coming up!

Students Sunday Nights (6th-12th grade) When: Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm *All Grace Students will meet on the back lawn this Sunday for our end of the year party. **Last regular weekly meeting until August. Stay tuned for some fun summer events coming up!

Re:generation (recovery ministry) Facebook.com/groups/gfcregeneration When: Every Monday, 6:30pm

CONNECT

Learn more about GFC. At **Introducing Grace**, you can meet a ministry leader and find out more about this church in less than 10 minutes.

When: Every Sunday after each service

Where: Introducing Grace room directly across from the New Here desk.

Join a Group. A group can help you develop relationships that lead to growth. Visit gfcnow.com/groups.

Join a Team. Serving on a team helps you impact others in our church and beyond. Visit gfcnow.com/serve.

ENGAGE

Explore how to become part of what God is doing through GFC and dive deeper into the unique qualities of this church in Next Steps. Visit gfcnow.com/steps to sign up.

Invest in the ways we are joining God in "building a community and reaching a community" by generously sharing your resources. Give online at gfcnow.com/give, mail your check to 2314 South Greenwood Dr., Johnson City, TN 37604, place your offering in a secure offering box if attending onsite, or drop off at the church office during our normal business hours.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To all those graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, we celebrate you! Visit the link below to view this year's grads and wish them well!

• Learn more about this year's graduates online at gfcnow.com/graduates

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: SHEPHERD'S LUNCH

Join us in helping those who are homeless or hungry by providing food. Good Samaritan is asking that each volunteer assemble 10 bags with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a bag of chips, granola bar, an apple, and a bottle of water (all items must be included in one bag). No servers needed. Bags can be dropped off at The Melting Pot located in the basement of Munsey United Methodist Church on Monday, May 23, between 10:15-10:30am. Someone will meet you outside to collect the bags so you don't have to leave your car.

• Sign Up: afcnow.com/shepherdslunch

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER KICKOFF EVENT ON JUNE 12

Join GFC for some lunch and fun to get your summer started off right! Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy lunch, inflatables, dunk tank, water games, corn hole tournament, face painting, giveaways and more! Everyone is welcome to this family-friendly event.

• More details to come!

SENIOR ADULTS EVENT: SNACK & CHAT WITH A PASTOR

Fellowship with other senior adults around coffee and donuts and get to know a GFC pastor! Please select which of the 3 dates you would like to attend in the registration form. We will feature a different pastor each month.

When: Monthly event Jun 8, Jul 13, and Aug 10, 9:30-11am.

Where: GFC, Student Center Cost: Free

• Sign Up: gfcnow.com/senioradults

CAMP IN THE CITY HOST HOMES NEEDED

Would you be willing to open your home to 3-4 Pine Cove City staff coming to serve our kids? Camp counselors typically stay with GFCers during their time serving at GFC, and this year we're looking for families to host Pine Cove Counselors May 28 - June 4.

• If you're interested, email Mike Anakwe at manakwe@gfcnow.com.

SUMMER COMMUNITY GROUP

Looking to find community this summer? GFC will host a community group during June and July for adults of all ages. If you are looking to meet some new friends, grow in your faith, and try out a small group experience, this is a great opportunity.

When: Weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, June 1-July 27. Join any time! Where: GFC, North Lawn (weather permitting) or Room 402

• Sign Up: afcnow.com/groups