



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | A Difference Maker's Burden | August 2, 2020

### **D12 Monthly Focus for August: Values Making Disciples That Make Disciples**

#### **Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:**

On Sunday, Pastor Miles opened his message by describing how he was asked to minister to a young white supremacist in juvenile hall. Even though the young man cursed Pastor Miles out in their first meeting Pastor Miles chose to come back and minister to the young man. Eventually that young white supremacist accepted Jesus into his life. Like Jesus, we must minister with a burden for the lost by seeing others as God sees them. We must nurture in others a burden for the lost by making room to rethink their judgements. Finally, we must multiply those with a burden for the lost by challenging them to express compassion.

**As a group take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below. First read John 8:1-11.**

1. Like Jesus, we minister with a burden for the lost by seeing others as God sees them.
  - In John 8:10-11, we see Jesus directly addressing the woman who was caught in adultery. Jesus asks her where her accusers went, and then he tells her that he does not condemn her but tells her to sin no more.
    - For whom do you have a burden?
    - How do you think Jesus sees the people for whom you have a burden? What would Jesus say to them?
2. Like Jesus, we nurture in others a burden for the lost by making room to rethink their judgements.
  - In John 8:7, we see Jesus telling the scribes and Pharisees to physically punish the woman caught in adultery if they were without sin. In John 8:9, after being challenged by Jesus we see that the scribes and Pharisees could not punish the woman and instead left.

- In your heart, have you ever judged someone or a group of people? Why?
  - Instead of judging others we should love them. Who is a person or group of people you will choose to love rather than judge this week?
3. Like Jesus, we multiply those with a burden for the lost by challenging them to express compassion.
- In John 8:11, we see the compassion of Jesus towards the woman caught in adultery.
    - Have you ever experienced God's compassionate love towards you even though you had sinned? Describe how God forgave you and showed you His love.
    - How can you show compassion to someone this week who may have sinned against you?

**Next Step:**

- Looking to take your walk with God to the next level? Rock School of Ministry is now making our curriculum modular so those leading rGroups and dGroups can get access to it and grow spiritually.
  - For more information, visit their new website: <https://rockschoolofministry.com/>
  - To apply, click this [RSOM APPLICATION LINK](#)

**THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:** “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” ~2 Timothy 2:2 NKJV

**This Week's Bible Reading** / The Bible Project Videos

Ezekiel 20-43 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/>

Proverbs 21 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/>

