

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP - DAY 2 - BUILD

Parish Mission
St. Anne, Oswego
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PRAYER - ACTS 2:36-42



REVIEW - KERYGMA

- God loves you and has a great plan for your life.
- We all have sinned and caused a chasm between us and God, which we cannot fix.
- God sent His Son Jesus in the flesh to suffer, die and rise from the death to bridge the gap.
- With this saving grace you and I can be saints.
- We need to surround ourselves with a team of disciples to support us on the way.

REVIEW (CONTINUED)

- Saints come in groups.
- We need to make a decision to be “all in”, to follow Jesus.
- Our response: Repent, believe and be baptized

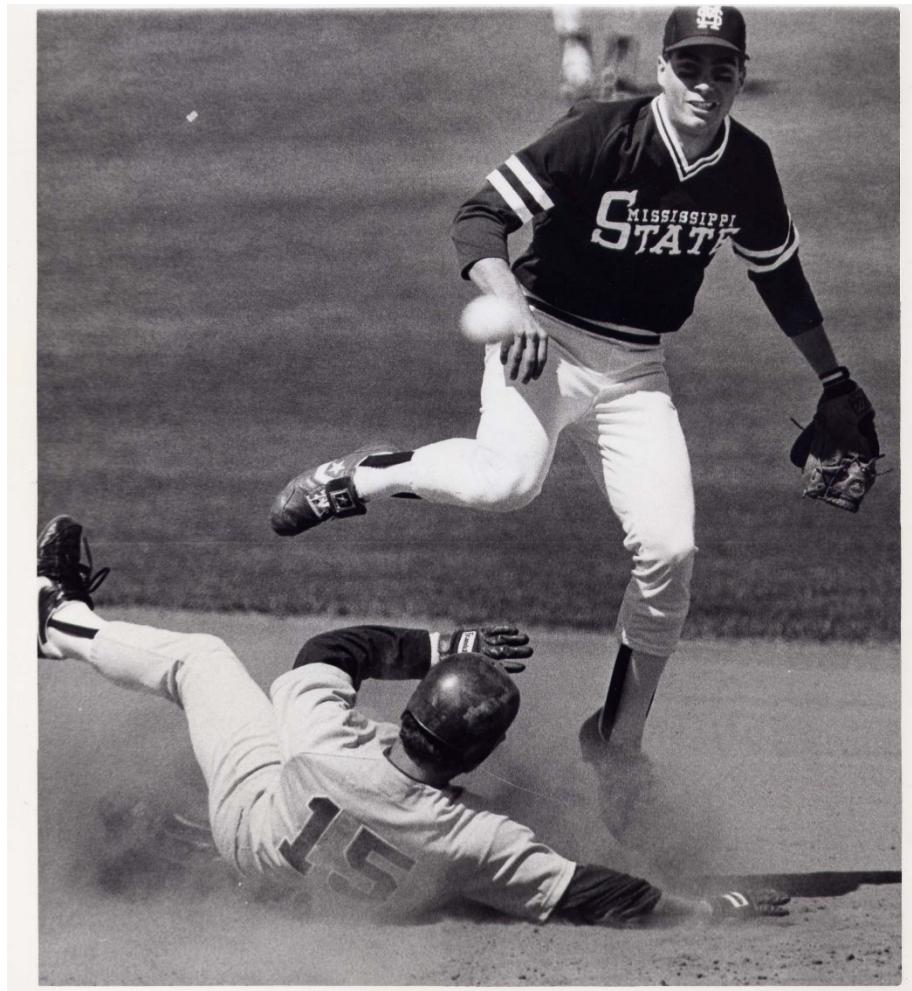


THREE HABITS OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES (CURTIS MARTIN)

- Divine intimacy
- Authentic friendship
- Spiritual multiplication

JESUS' METHOD

- Win (Sunday)
- Build (Monday)
- Send (Tuesday)



ACTS 2:36-38

- After Pentecost, Peter proclaimed Jesus to be the Lord and Messiah to a large group.
- They asked, “What are we to do?”
- Peter said, “Reform and be baptized...that your sins may be forgiven; then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

JORDAN RIVER

Baptism of Jesus

1. Receive identity
2. Forgiveness of sins
3. Power of the Holy Spirit



BUILD

- Jesus spent three years building, forming and transforming the disciples.
- Now He wants to build us, form us, and transform us.
- Once someone surrenders their lives to Jesus, it is critical to build them up in faith and friendship.
- Our friends influence us tremendously.

RELATIONSHIPS

- Jesus invested so much of his time in personal relationships.
- Instruction is important, but modeling is most effective.
- Baseball - I best learned by someone showing me how to hit and field.

WHO ARE YOUR 3?

- Because this requires great time investment, it should be done with a few people (3).
- Jesus discipled 12, but invested heavily in 3 - Peter, James & John (Transfiguration, Gethsemani)



DISCIPLESHIP: TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- In the context of relationships:
- 1) What do I need to learn so that I can think with the mind of Christ? (thinking)
- 2) How do I need to be formed to live with the character of Christ? (acting)

HOW TO BUILD

- 1) Help the person live more deeply, day to day, as a true disciple of Christ.
- 2) Train disciples how to evangelize and model it for them.
- 3) Give the disciples incremental opportunities to practice leadership.



1) HELP THE PERSON LIVE MORE DEEPLY, DAY TO DAY, AS A TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

- Acts 2:42
- a) The Apostles' Teachings (renewal of our minds)
- b) The Breaking of the Bread (Sacraments - grace)
- c) Fellowship - grow in virtue
- d) Prayer - come to know Jesus intimately

A) THE APOSTLES' TEACHINGS (RENEWAL OF OUR MINDS)

- Reading
- Relevant Radio
- Retreats
 - Be Healed
 - Cursillo
 - Welcome / Christ Renews His Parish
 - Light of the World
- Faith formation opportunities
 - Classes
 - Bible Studies

B) THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (SACRAMENTS - GRACE)

- Daily Mass if possible
 - My story of daily Mass
- Confession monthly
 - West Chicago - Spanish confessions
 - Forgiveness prayer
 - Re-con-cilia
- Visits to the Blessed Sacrament
- Eucharist adoration



C) FELLOWSHIP - GROW IN VIRTUE

- Authentic friendship
- Saints are formed in groups
- Grow in virtue and friendship
- Exodus 90 / Cursillo model
- Importance of encouragement and accountability (app idea)
 - Weekly small groups
 - Monthly larger groups
 - Annual big group

C) FELLOWSHIP - (CONTINUED)

- Weekly meetings - encouragement and accountability in these areas:
 - 1) Human - exercise, healthy eating, sleep
 - 2) Spiritual - prayer life
 - 3) Intellectual - reading, classes
 - 4) Evangelization - plan to share my faith
 - 5) Service - to those less fortunate
 - 6) Moment closest to Christ for the week



D) PRAYER - COME TO KNOW JESUS INTIMATELY

- Divine Intimacy
- Lectio Divina
- ARRR
- Spiritual reading
- 20-60 minutes of personal prayer daily
- Cultivate the interior life

2) TRAIN DISCIPLES HOW TO EVANGELIZE AND MODEL IT FOR THEM.

- How to share the gospel message...
- How to share your testimony...
- How to lead a small group...
- How to mentor others in discipleship...
- Share how you were mentored and model it for the other person...
- “Be imitators of me as I am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)
- More it caught than taught...

3) GIVE THE DISCIPLES INCREMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE LEADERSHIP.

- I do, you watch
- I do, you help
- You do, I help
- You do, I watch



NEXT STEPS

- Refreshments in Joachim Center
- Tuesday - 7pm
- Go make disciples. Become disciple makers.



RESOURCES

- My blog - www.frburke23.wordpress.com
- Fr. Burke on Relevant Radio - Mondays at 7am
(930 AM & 950 AM radio)
- Retreats - www.gamechangersfts.org
- Men's ministry -
www.fishersofmenonline.com
- Books & other resources
 - ‘The Activated Disciple’ by Jeff Cavins
 - ‘Making Missionary Disciples’ by Curtis Martin
 - ‘Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission’ by Fr. James Mallon
 - www.amazingparish.org