



BANORA POINTER

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Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

"What is Christian discipleship?"

Jesus' last words were, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20)

As Christians we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. But what is a disciple? By definition, a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the teachings of another.

A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and takes good news of Jesus Christ to others. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, through daily prayer, study of the scripture, and other spiritual disciplines with a goal of becoming more and more Christlike.

Disciples respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with Jesus the Word of God. We need to read the scriptures daily—study them, pray over them, and obey what they say.

Being a Christian disciple involves personal growth characterized by the following:

1. Putting Christ first in all things (Mark 8:34-38). As a disciple of Christ we are set apart from the world. We are in the world but not of the world. Our focus should be on our God and pleasing Him in every area of our lives.

We must put off self-centeredness and put on Christ-centeredness.

2. Following Jesus' teachings (John 8:31-32). We must be obedient.

Obedience is the ultimate test of faith in God (1 Samuel 28:18), Jesus is the perfect example of obedience as He lived a life on earth of complete obedience to the Father even to the point of death (Philippians 2:6-8).

3. Fruitfulness (John 15:5-8). Our job is not producing fruit.



Luke 8:26-39

Our job is to reflect Christ, and if we do, the Holy Spirit will produce the fruit, and this fruit is the result of our faith.

As we become more obedient to the Lord and learn to walk in His ways, our lives will change.

The biggest change will take place in our hearts, and the overflow of this will be new conduct (thoughts, words and actions) representative of that change.

The change we seek is done from the inside out, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It isn't something we can achieve on our own.

4. Loving all people. Love your neighbours as yourself (John 13:34-35). Love is defined and elaborated on in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. These verses show us that love is not an emotion; it is action. We must be doing something and involved in the process. We are told to put others above ourselves and to look out for their interests over our own (Philippians 2:3-4). The next verse in Philippians (verse 5) really sums up what we are to do when it comes to everything in life: "our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Jesus is a perfect example of everything we are to do in our Christian journey.

5. Evangelism - Making disciples of others (Matthew 28:18-20). We are to share our faith and tell nonbelievers about the wonderful changes Jesus Christ has made in our lives. No matter what our maturity level in the Christian life, we have something to offer.

Too often, we believe the lie that we don't really know enough or haven't been a Christian long enough or we're too old to make a difference.

This is not true! Some of the most enthusiastic representatives of the Christian life are new believers who have just discovered the awesome love of God and people with more life experience often have wisdom to share. We are enough, God made you who you are and put you exactly where you are to make a difference.

Discipleship is going to become very important in our journey of regeneration here at Banora Point Uniting Church.

Adapted from <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-discipleship.html>

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Acknowledgement To Country

The Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledge the indigenous traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Goori people and their Elders, past, present and future.

Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours

What's Happening This Week

Today	Chiara Companion 1:30pm
Tuesday	Mainly Music 9:30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am Coffee With Rev. Aaron 9am Worship Singers 2pm
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Thursday Night Bible Study 6:30pm
Friday	Craft Group 9am
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Church Roster

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Organist	Jill	Audrey
Duty Elders	Audrey & Neil	Elizabeth & Robyn
Greeters	Robyn & Lynn	Nigel & Sylvia
Bible Reader	Robyn & Lynn	Yesha & Walter
Morning Tea	Sylvia & Stephanie	Pat & Stephanie
Hall Set Up	Brian & Neil	Craft Group
Cleaning	Aaron & Shirley	Craft Group

If you are unable to do your roster, please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP.

Farewell Morning Tea

Today is Virginia and Ray Browne's last day with us before they move to Warwick in Queensland. To give everyone the chance to say "farewell" please stay after today's service for a special morning tea and share in saying a fond farewell to both Virginia & Ray.

Safe Working With Children

We are trying to organise a '**Safe Working With Children**' in service which is compulsory and delivered online. For those needing help we are planning a hands on workshop Thursday the 1st of July at 4pm to complete the training. We need numbers of those attending and whether they need a computer. For those who are comfortable completing this themselves at home please go to the following link:
<https://educate.ucaqld.com.au/login/>

Upcoming events for your diary

Chiara Companion	19 June @ 1:30pm
Craft Group	24 June @ 9am
Men's Breakfast	25 June @ 8am
Safe Working With Children Workshop	1 July @ 4pm
Messy Church	9 July @ 4pm
Church Elders Meeting	11 July @ 4:30pm
Fellowship Lunch	13 July @ 11:45am
Pastoral Care Meeting	25 July @ 10am
Church Council Meeting	8 August @ 7pm

I Need Your Help Please!!!!

Church Council have approved for me to ask for your assistance. I am purchasing cross necklaces that Gemma (our SRE teacher) can have available for any students that ask for one. If you are able to help me out, please place your donation in the plate in the front foyer. Many thanks to those who have already donated. Elizabeth Wells

Coffee Catch Up With Rev. Aaron

Please join Rev. Aaron for morning tea and a chat, Wednesday mornings at Twisted Fig Café, (near Harvey Norman & Bunnings, in the Tweed Homemaker Centre, Tweed Heads South, from 9am.

Everyone is welcome.

Fred's Place

Winter is suddenly upon us and Fred's Place would appreciate your generous donations to assist them with serving our local homeless community. Items sought are non-perishable food, blankets, jackets and beanies. If you are able to help please contact Marshall.

Offerings

Please continue to direct debit/credit directly into your nearest Commonwealth Bank Branch or Please contact Neil Rackham if you need any assistance.

Bank details are:

Account Name: The Uniting Church in Australia Banora Point Church (Note: Your Bank website may limit the number of characters you can put into the account name box so "The Uniting Church in Aust" is OK)

BSB No: 062 611 **Account No:** 10120762

Men's Breakfast

Day: Saturday 25 June 2022

Time & Venue:

Meeting for breakfast at 8am at the TWISTED FIG Café (Near Bunnings Tweed Heads South), then onto the church for carpet bowls.

All men are welcome.

