

This was Passover, so the Jews celebrated and commemorated when God delivered them from Egypt. They sat down to enjoy the Passover seder meal.

Isaiah 5:7 NIV – The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

John 15:1 NIV – “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

1) Jesus began a one-on-one communication with His Father.

John 17:1-5 NIV

The Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4 is really the Disciples' Prayer

The only thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to do was to pray.

Why does Jesus need to pray if He is God? (Philippians 2:6)

Theanthropic nature: Theos = God and Anthropos = Man

If Jesus thought it was important to keep communion with His Father, then it should be a priority for us.

Jesus lifted up His EYES and His VOICE.

Jesus' hour had come. Eternal or Everlasting Life?

If you knew you had a few hours to live, what would you pray for? Jesus prayed for Himself (vv.1-5), His disciples (vv.6-19), and for us (vv.20-26).

2) Jesus prays for His disciples. John 17:6-19 – just the reference

When we gave our lives to Christ, the Father gave us to Jesus as a love gift.

If you want to grow in faith, don't close your Bible and pray for faith. Open it and develop your faith.

The World = creation, humanity, & the ordered system of worldly thinking and values.

The occupational hazard of following Jesus is that the world will hate you, and you will be persecuted.

Our relationship with the world is that the world needs us, but we need the world too.

We cannot isolate, insulate, vegetate, or imitate. Jesus' solution is to permeate.

3) Jesus prays for us. John 17:20-26 – just the reference

Jesus prayed for you then, and He is praying for you now.

Jesus prayed that we would be unified. Unity is not something that is produced; we have it already. Unity does not mean uniformity. We should endeavor to keep the unity.

Jesus prayed for glory for us. Every time a believer dies, Jesus' prayer is answered.

When we lose our focus on heaven, we start fighting on earth.

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS, GO (OUTREACH))**

**SUNDAYS IN JANUARY - 9A + 11A
MORE CONSISTENCY REFUSING
TO GIVE UP**

Imagine a leaky faucet. Regardless of how hard you twist the knob, it still drips. One drop at a time. Incessantly – drip, drip, drip. The consistency becomes an annoyance pretty quickly. But put in the right environment and given enough time, that same dripping with that same consistency, can have an immense amount of power. That's how canyons are made. Not all at once, but through the power of consistency. Dripping isn't that exciting, but what it lacks in flash it makes up for in effectiveness. The habits that characterize consistent growth in Christ are much the same. In the end, we will find that consistency wins over excitement time and time again. Let's refuse to give up as we enter 2023!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
10P - 4A - ALL NIGHT PRAYER**

We know that prayer is like oxygen to the soul, yet there is nothing that takes more time to learn. Yet Jesus devoutly practiced it. "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God (Luke 6:12)." God will breathe on this time together, and we invite you and your whole family to come out to a night that will forever be etched into our hearts! You do not have to stay the whole night, come whenever you desire and join us in worship and prayer!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - SPRING 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Group will be meeting all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 -
7P - 9P - NIGHT TWO OF
OUR WINTER SESSION OF
GROWTH PHASES**

It is not too late to get signed up at the Next Steps table in the lobby to join us for our Winter Session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21
CHURCH-WIDE 7 DAY FAST**

A determined "no" always makes room for a divine "yes". Join us as we seek the Lord through a corporate 7 day fast!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 - 5P-8P
WELCOME TO DP PARTY**

Interested in becoming a DP member? Sign up now to join us for fellowship, dinner and learn more about the mission and vision of our church. Childcare is provided.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
OUR COMMUNITY IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS!**