

Meadowlake 101:

A Look into the Lake

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Matthew 28:18-20 KJV



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MEADOWLAKE 101

Meadowlake Missionary Baptist Church

SYLLABUS

Course Description:

This course covers the basic beliefs & principles practiced at Meadowlake Missionary Baptist Church. Subjects such as Meadowlake church history, mission & philosophy, doctrine, areas of ministry & service, Christian growth & development, and mission sponsorship will be discussed in a 6 week seminar format.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, the learner will:

1. Describe Christ's creation of the local church and how this process is reflected in the origins and history of Meadowlake Missionary Baptist Church.
2. Describe God's design for the local church and how Meadowlake's doctrinal statement reflects His design.
3. Discuss God's plan for service through His church and ways to fulfill His plan at Meadowlake.
4. Discuss how Meadowlake strives to "go into all the world" through sponsorship and support of missions.
5. Discuss God's purpose for the church and how Meadowlake's Ministry Map serves as a guide for her members to carry out that purpose.
6. Discuss God's plan for the maturing of His saints and how Meadowlake strives to help her members grow spiritually.

Overview of Course Content:

1. The Make Up of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's History
2. The Measure of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Beliefs
3. The Ministry of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Ministers, Ministries, and Membership
4. The Missions of Meadowlake: A Look into Sponsored and Supported Missions
5. The Map of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Future
6. The Method of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Discipleship Process, Meadowlake 121

Required & Recommended Resources:

Meadowlake 101 Learner Guide

The Holy Bible

The Make Up of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's History

Lesson Leader: Pat McCarty

Objectives: Upon completion of this lesson, the student will

1. Describe the origin of Meadowlake as a mission of the American Baptist Association.
2. List important dates in the history of Meadowlake.
3. Discuss God's purpose for the church and how Meadowlake strives to carry out that purpose.

Content Outline:

- I. Mission Stage
 - A. Sponsoring church
 - B. Dates
 - C. Pastor & Charter members
- II. First Meetings
 - A. Meeting sites
 - B. Corner of Meadowlake & Donaghey
- III. Significant Events
 - A. Building projects
 - B. Mission sponsorship
 - C. Calling of ministers & staff

Discussion Questions:

Instructor will discuss his personal history and experiences as a member of Meadowlake.

How many members does Meadowlake have? How many are charter members?

How can I become a member of Meadowlake? Where can I serve?

What are some of Meadowlake's plans for the future?

Additional Information:

www.meadowlake.org

Meadowlake Photo Collection

The Make Up of Meadowlake

Scripture References

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Measure of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Beliefs

Lesson Leader: Pat McCarty

Objectives: Upon completion of this lesson, the student will

1. Discuss God's design for the church and how Meadowlake strives to reflect that design.
2. Describe Meadowlake's function as a local new testament church and a member of the American Baptist Association.
3. Describe the doctrinal beliefs of Meadowlake as a missionary Baptist church.
4. Understand key doctrinal beliefs of Meadowlake and their scriptural basis.

Content Outline:

- I. Local New Testament Church Doctrine
- II. The American Baptist Association
- III. The Doctrinal Statement
- IV. Why? Reflecting God's Design

Discussion Questions:

What is a local new testament church? Why is the local church so important?

What is Meadowlake's role in the ABA?

Open discussion of key doctrinal beliefs.

Additional Information:

www.meadowlake.org

www.abaptist.org

Garner, A. Defense of the Faith

Huton, C. Bread for Believers

Austin, J. How to Study the Bible

Carroll, J.M. The Trail of Blood

Fewell, R.L. The Reliability of the King James Version of the Bible

The Measure of Meadowlake

Scripture References

Jesus said in Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”

Colossians 1:18

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence”

Ephesians 5:23

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body”.

I Corinthians 5:3, 4

“For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Measure of Meadowlake Doctrinal Statement

He is like a man which built an house and digged deep and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. (Luke 6; 48)

1. We believe that love one for another as Jesus loves the believer manifests our discipleship, proves our love for God and symbolizes our authority as New Testament churches. Love is therefore the great commandment of the LORD Jesus Christ upon which all others are dependent (Matt. 22:35-40; John 13:34, 35; John 15:12; 1 John 4:7-21; 1 John 5:1-3; Rev. 2:4, 5).
2. We believe in the infallible, verbal inspiration of the whole Bible and that the Bible is the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice (Psalm 119:160; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17).
3. We believe in the personal triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine perfection. (Matt. 28:19).
4. We believe in the Genesis account of Creation (Gen. 1; 2).
5. We believe that Satan is a fallen angel, the archenemy of God and man, the unholy god of this world, and that his destiny is the eternal lake of fire (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:11-19; Matt. 25:41; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 6:10-17; Rev. 20:10).
6. We believe in the virgin birth and sinless humanity of Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22).
7. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 10:30; John 1:1, 14; 2 Cor. 5:19).
8. We believe the Holy Spirit is the divine Administrator for Jesus Christ in His churches (Luke 24:49; John 14:16, 17; Acts 1:4, 5, 8; Acts 2:1-4).
9. We believe that miraculous spiritual manifestation gifts were done away when the Bible was completed. Faith, Hope and Love are the vital abiding Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. chapters 12-14).
10. We believe that Man was created in the image of God and lived in innocency until he fell by voluntary transgression from his sinless state, the result being that all mankind are sinners (Gen. 1:26; Gen. 3:6-24; Rom. 5:12, 19).
11. We believe that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ was substitutionary for all mankind and is efficacious only to those who believe (Isa. 53:6; Heb. 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 2:2).
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ and the bodily resurrection of His saints (Matt. 28:1-7; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:42-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
13. We believe in the premillennial, personal, bodily return of Christ as the crowning event of the Gentile age. This event will include the resurrection of the righteous to eternal heaven, and the Millennium will be followed by the resurrection of the unrighteous unto eternal punishment in the lake of fire and that the righteous shall enter into the heaven age (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19; Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 20:11-15; Rev. 21:8).

14. We believe that the depraved sinner is saved wholly by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the requisites to regeneration are repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 13:3-5; John 3:16-18; Acts 20:21; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8, 9), and that the Holy Spirit convicts sinners, regenerates, seals, secures, and indwells every believer (John 3:6; John 16:8, 9; Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Eph. 4:30; Titus 3:5).
15. We believe that all who trust Jesus Christ for salvation are eternally secure in Him and shall not perish (John 3:36; John 5:24; John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:35-39; Heb. 10:39; 1 Peter 1:5).
16. We believe that God deals with believers as His children, that He chastises the disobedient, and that He rewards the obedient (Matt. 16:27; Matt. 25:14-23; John 1:12; Heb. 12:5-11; 2 John 8; Rev. 22:12).
17. We believe that Jesus Christ established His church during His ministry on earth and that it is always a local, visible assembly of scripturally baptized believers in covenant relationship to carry out the Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ, and each church is an independent, self-governing body, and no other ecclesiastical body may exercise authority over it. We believe that Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to the New Testament churches only, and that He promised the perpetuity of His churches (Matt. 4:18-22; Matt. 16:18; Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51; Eph. 3:21).
18. We believe that there are two pictorial ordinances in the Lord's churches: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Scriptural baptism is the immersion of penitent believers in water, administered by the authority of a New Testament church in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance, restricted to the members of the church observing the ordinance (Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 8:12, 38; Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 5:11-13; 1 Cor. 11:1, 2, 17-20, 26).
19. We believe that there are two divinely appointed offices in a church, pastors and deacons, to be filled by men whose qualifications are set forth in Titus and 1 Timothy.
20. We believe that all associations, fellowships, and committees are, and properly should be, servants of, and under control of the churches (Matt. 20:25-28).
21. We believe in freedom of worship without interference from the government and affirm our belief in civil obedience, unless the laws and regulations of civil government run contrary to the Holy Scriptures (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15).

The Ministry of Meadowlake:

A Look into Meadowlake's Ministers, Ministries, & Membership

Lesson Leader: Beverly McGuire & Che' Reed

Objectives: Upon completion of this lesson, the student will

1. Discuss God's plan for service through His church and ways to fulfill His plan at Meadowlake.
2. Describe areas of service & ministry available at Meadowlake.
3. Identify areas of interest & giftedness in which to serve at Meadowlake.

Content Outline:

I. God's Plan for Service in His Church

- A. Salvation
- B. Baptism
- C. Church membership

II. Finding YOUR Place

- A. Giftedness from God
- B. Personality & Temperament
- C. Natural Talents & Learned Skills
- D. Life Experiences
- E. Heart's Call

III. Meadowlake's Ministers

- A. Pastor & Staff
- B. Ministries of the Membership

Discussion Questions:

How can I become a member of Meadowlake? Where can I get involved in service?

How can I find out more about my gifts and talents?

Is there someone I can go to for help with my decision to serve?

Additional Information:

Scripture references

Finding YOUR Place Guide

"Areas of Service" list

Meadowlake Ministers Description & Video

The Ministry of Meadowlake

Scripture References

Ephesians 2:19-22 (refers back to Christ starting church)

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Ephesians 3:21

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Romans 12:4-5

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Romans 3:23 and 3:10

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

John 4: 1-2

When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

Acts 8:36-38

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

John 3:23

And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.

Colossians 2:12

Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Ephesians 3:21

Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Romans 12, especially 4-8

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith: Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Finding *YOUR* Place at Meadowlake

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

⁴Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

Giftedness from God

Romans 12:4-6

⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us

God has blessed each of His children with certain abilities to accomplish a specific role or task within the ministry of the local church. Every individual within the church is unique and capable of playing a role in the strengthening of the body. Just as every member has an area of giftedness, a member will not be gifted in all areas. This is why teamwork within the church is vital!! Everyone has their own special role in carrying out the ministry of Christ.

Personality & Temperament

Colossians 3:12-14

¹²Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. ¹⁴And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

The scriptures above tell us, as Christians, that we are to be aware of each others strengths and weaknesses, be tolerant of weakness, encourage strengths, be kind to each other, forgive, and live in peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. By understanding our temperament and that of those serving with us, we can learn to communicate with others more effectively and work together to further the cause of Christ.

Natural Talents & Learned Skills

Colossians 3:23-24

²³And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Psalms 90:17

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

God has given each of us natural talents; some music, others speaking, and many more. Natural talents are afforded to every person not just Christians. Although God gave us these talents to be used for His honor and glory, many talents can be used in areas outside of the church. It is important that we, as Christians, use our talents as a ministry unto God first and foremost. In addition to talents, many Christians have skills learned through education and work experience. A prime example of using talents and skills for God is the apostle Paul. Paul was a skilled tentmaker and was trained as a Pharisee. He was able to use his trade to go into the marketplace to witness. His education to give him the authority and ability to debate and preach to the scholars.

Life Experiences

Romans 8:28

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Everyone has a story. God uses every aspect of our lives, good or bad, to shape us into the ministers He calls us to be. What has happened in your life that has caused you to be uniquely qualified for a specific area of ministry? Consider Paul's testimony in Acts 22:3-21. Paul's experience on the road to Damascus changed his life completely but what was it about Paul's past that gave him a unique perspective? How do you think he was able to reach people that others without his life experience could not?

Prayerfully consider these questions to give you insight into how your past may influence your ability to minister to others. What experiences before salvation could affect your place in ministry? What do the elements of your testimony tell you about your call to ministry? What events have occurred in your life as a Christian that have uniquely molded you for ministry?

Your Heart's Call

Ephesians 4:1b

I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

Proverbs 16:9

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

"What has God called you to do?" God has called each one of us to a specific area of ministry within His church. We were made for it! When we discover the ministry that God has called us to, we will find great satisfaction and fulfillment in bringing Him glory through our work in that ministry. To put it simply your heart's call is simply the "thing" that God has burned into your heart to do His mission on earth. Think of people in your life who seem to have an overriding passion in ministry. Again, consider the apostle Paul, whose passion was preaching the Gospel. While your call may not be to preach, what is the one thing that you are involved in that drives you and gives you great satisfaction? What is the one thing that you would love to have the opportunity to do for God or to advance His kingdom? THAT is your Heart's Call!!

The Missions of Meadowlake:

A Look into Meadowlake's Sponsored and Supported Missions

Lesson Leader: David Taylor

Objectives: Upon completion of the lesson, the student will

1. Discuss Christ's ministry on earth and the giving of the Great Commission as the driving force behind the establishment of mission works in the United States and abroad.
2. Compare and contrast sponsored and supported missions of Meadowlake.
3. Describe the locations and missionaries of Meadowlake's supported works.

Content Outline:

- I. Meadowlake's Scope of Missions
 - A. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - B. Mission Establishment
- II. Meadowlake's Sponsored Missions
 - A. Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship, Conway, AR
 - B. Christchurch Family Baptist, Christchurch, New Zealand
 - C. Kingsley & Paul Anderson, Ghana, Africa
 - D. Robert Branscum, Thoreau, NM

III. Meadowlake's Supported Missions

Discussion Questions:

How many, on average, are being reached for Christ each year as a result of Meadowlake's Missions?

How does Meadowlake decide when to sponsor or support a mission work?

Are there any guidelines in place to regulate the support of missions at Meadowlake?

Additional Resources:

www.meadowlake.org

www.abaptist.org

Christchurch Family Baptist: www.cfb.co.nz

Missionary Baptist Student Fellowship, Conway: www.conwaymbsf.org

Dayspring Missionary Baptist Mission: www.dayspringmbm.org

The Missions of Meadowlake

Scripture References

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Map of Meadowlake: A Look into Meadowlake's Future

Lesson Leader: Bro. Tommy Walls

Objectives: Upon completion of this lesson, the student will

1. Discuss God's purpose for the church and how Meadowlake's Ministry Map serves as a guide for her members to carry out that purpose.
2. Describe the Ministry Purpose & Plan of Meadowlake.
3. List ways to Celebrate, Share, & Serve Christ at Meadowlake.

Content Outline:

- I. The Passages that Ground Us
- II. The Purpose that Governs Us
- III. The Process that Guides Us

Discussion Questions:

What is Meadowlake's Vision? How can we make this vision a reality?

What is the purpose of the church that Christ began? Does Meadowlake reflect this purpose?

How can the process described in Meadowlake's Ministry Plan fulfill Christ's purpose?

How can I help to fulfill Christ's purpose?

Additional Information:

Scripture references

Meadowlake Ministry Map

www.meadowlake.org

The Map of Meadowlake

Scripture References

Proverbs 29:18

¹⁸Where there is no vision, the people perish:

Mark 12:30-31

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Matthew 22:40

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2 Timothy 2:2

the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

The Method of Meadowlake (Meadowlake 121):

A Look into Meadowlake's Discipleship Process

Lesson Leader: Todd Tipton & Alan Barnett

Objectives: Upon completion of this lesson, the student will

1. Discuss God's plan for the maturing of His Saints and how Meadowlake strives to help her members grow spiritually.
2. Describe the process of Christian growth & development (Meadowlake 121).
3. List effective methods for growing spiritually & leading others to Christ.

Content Outline:

- I. What the Bible Says
 - A. The Great Commission
 - B. The Life of Christ
- II. Failures of Today's Churches
- III. Meadowlake 121 Program

Discussion Questions:

What does it mean to be a disciple?

How does Christ's life give us an example of how we, as Christians, should resist temptations, pray effectively, mature spiritually, and lead others to a relationship with Him?

How can the Meadowlake 121 program lead us to a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Christ?

Have you ever participated in a program such as Meadowlake 121? Would you be interested in participating now?

Additional Information:

Swimming Lessons

The Method of Meadowlake

Scripture References

The Great Commission! – Matthew 28: 19-20

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Luke 11:9-13

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. ¹¹If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ¹²Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

2 Timothy 2:13

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

John 15:12-17

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. ¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. ¹⁷These things I command you, that ye love one another.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Ephesians 6:12-17

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: