

## WELCOME

### Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.

**FHNew** - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

**FHBaptism** - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

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## ONGOING/UPCOMING

- MomCo - [Foothills MomCo - Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- Small Groups - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- KidMin Volunteers needed – Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at [steve@foothills.org](mailto:steve@foothills.org)
- MOMENTUM: Find out more here [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)
- [River Baptism Sunday - Foothills Church](#) - August 27
- [Summer Blast WiffleBall Sign up - Foothills Church](#) – July 27 – Bring the family, join the fun!
- [FH Cookbook Recipe Collection - Foothills Church](#) - Do you have a go-to or a family favorite recipe? Foothills is celebrating 100 years and together we are creating a cookbook!
- [Rooted Experience - Foothills Church](#) – Wednesdays, starting September 17, 6:00-7:30 (10-week commitment). \$25 covers cost of the book. **Acts 2:42-47** displays a powerful picture of the first church living out **7 rhythms of discipleship**. The result was *the Lord added to the church those who were being saved*. The **Rooted Experience** lays the foundation for you to learn the 7 rhythms and live out the 7 rhythms through individual and group experiences.

**FOLLOW ME****Pastor Steve Botsford****INTRODUCTION****Matthew 14:22-33**

22Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27But Jesus immediately said to them: "**Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.**"

28"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29"**Come**," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "**You of little faith,**" he said, "**why did you doubt?**"

32And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**WHY DID PETER GET OUT OF THE BOAT?**

- Peter got out of the boat because Peter wanted to be just like his Rabbi

**We lose so much in context of what a disciple is**

- A disciple is a **STUDENT**

**Today, anyone who believes can be a follower of Jesus**

- **Mark 8:34 (NIV)** — "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

**In Jesus' time, rabbis (teachers) did not give open invitations to take on disciples (students)****The process of becoming a disciple**

- **Bet Sefer (House of the Book) Age 5-9 - Elementary school**
  - Boys and sometimes girls would go to the local synagogue for a basic education
  - There they would learn to read and write

- **Bet Midrash (House of Study) Age 10-13 - Secondary school**
  - The best and most promising boys would continue their education
  - They would study and memorize the Hebrew Scriptures (our Old Testament)
  - Students learn the Jewish art of questions and answers
  - Jesus demonstrated this as a boy at his first Passover in Jerusalem
    - **Luke 2:46-47 (NIV)** — *“After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.”*
  - Those who did not show promise or advanced learning would go on to learn the family trade or sent to learn a different trade
- **Bet Talmud (House of Learning) Age 13+**
  - Very few students moved on to this level
  - If you were smart enough and knew your Scriptures well enough, you could go on to learn from a well-known rabbi and seek further education
  - **The goal of the disciple was** “To know what the rabbi knows in order to do what the rabbi does for the reason that the rabbi does them, in order to be just like the rabbi in their walk with God”

### **When you became a disciple**

- Your personal life took second place to that of the rabbi -- it was your goal to be just like the rabbi, and it was the rabbi's goal for you to become just like him

### **Calling of Jesus' Disciples**

- Jesus finds his disciples fishing or, in the case of Matthew, collecting taxes
- Jesus goes to them, calls them and, Scripture says, they just dropped their nets and left everything to follow this Rabbi
- **A disciple of Jesus is someone who desires to follow Him so closely that they will know what Jesus knows in order to do what Jesus did for the reason that Jesus did it, in order to be just like Jesus in their walk with God**
- **And Jesus chose YOU!**
- **Will you drop your “nets” to follow Him?**