

**Outline #9** The Church as a Place of Learning

Listen to Counsel, Proverbs 19:20 3:5; 17:22; 16:24

**1. Learning to love as Jesus loved**

- a) John 13:34 What command did Jesus give to His disciples, and through them to His church?
- b) What important lesson was Jesus teaching through the story recorded in Luke 10:30-37
- c) Why is loving our neighbors a sign of being a true disciple of Jesus? John 13:35, Matthew 22:37-39
- d) Where do you see examples in the New Testament of the Christian church demonstrating the love of God? Act 4:32-35, Acts 9:36-39, etc.
- e) How can our churches become places where we learn how to love?

**2. Learning to reflect the light of Jesus**

- a) John 1:6-9 Who is this true Light?
- b) John 8:12 What promise did Jesus, the Light of the world, give to His followers?
- c) Matthew 5:14-16
- d) When did you first learn that Jesus wants you to let His light shine through you to those around you?
- e) How is Jesus calling you to reflect His light in your circle of influence?

**3. Learning to be disciples**

- a) Jesus commanded His followers to “make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). How does a person make a disciple for Jesus?

- b) What lessons can we learn from the instruction given by Jesus to His first disciples? Matthew 10:5-8
- c) How can we maintain a healthy balance as disciples of Jesus? Mark 6:30-32
- d) What important lesson can we learn from Paul’s ministry in Thessalonica? 1 Thessalonians 2:6-8
- e) Why is the church an important place to learn how to be a disciple of Jesus?
- f) Who has helped you to more fully understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?

**4. Learning more of God’s truth**

- a) Nicodemus was a well-educated religious leader. What important lesson did he still need to learn from Jesus? John 3:1-15
- b) What important truth did Jesus share with those who gathered for worship in Nazareth? Luke 4:16-23
- c) Why is the Bible an essential resource as we seek to learn more of God’s truth? John 17:17
- d) What promise did Jesus give to those who were longing to learn more of God’s truth? John 16:13
- e) Who has helped you learn more of God’s truth?

