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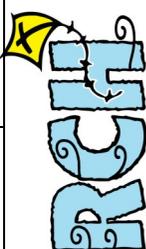
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Great Adventure
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DAWG Pound

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Ladies' BSF

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11:30 am
Lenten Service
6:30 pm
Great Adventure
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7 pm-Prayer

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DAWG Pound

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Ladies' BSF

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Lenten Service
6:30 pm
Great Adventure
Youth
7 pm-Prayer

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6:30 am
DAWG Pound
10 am
Comm. Prayer
1st Baptist

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6:30 pm
Elders' Mtg.
NO BSF
(Spring Break)

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11:30 pm
Lenten Service
6:30 pm
Great Adventure
Youth
7 pm-Prayer

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6:30 am
DAWG Pound

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6:30 pm
Ladies' BSF

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2:30 pm
Chapel, AMV
11:30 am
Lenten Service
6:30 pm
Great Adventure
Youth
7 pm-Prayer

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Men's Conference
March 24-25, Century BAPT

12	Gordon & Connie Houge
14	James & Melody Owen
27	Gordon & Kathleen Heller

2017

Life Line Screening will offer preventive health screenings April 1. (A Wellness Package includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening.) All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event** (and to receive a **\$10 discount** off any package priced **above \$129**), please call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle



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March 1 is Ash Wednesday, marking for many the beginning of the remembrance of Jesus' suffering and death. This season, commonly known as **Lent**, includes 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Resurrection Sunday/Easter.

Although Jesus spoke of His imminent suffering several times, it did not occur until He died for His followers until His resurrection. Each Gospel writer includes several Old Testament references predicting the suffering of Messiah in very specific ways. We will look at these passages they are used in Mark, Luke and John.



Can we really make disciples like Jesus did?

For the past four weeks I have been trying to fill some big shoes, *the* biggest shoes in fact – or maybe I should

say *the* biggest sandals? I don't know what type of footwear He wore, but whatever it was, they were BIG. I'm talking about Jesus, of course. That's right, for approximately two hours every Sunday afternoon I have the privilege of portraying our Lord and Savior as we prepare for this year's passion play (you should come, and bring a friend – or be in the production OR both!)

While rehearsing for the play last week it hit me that I'm playing the role of the only person to ever walk the earth that did so without sinning. "Am I really the person to be portraying Jesus?" I asked myself. "He was without sin. And me? I get frustrated with my wife for not putting the cap back on the toothpaste." He's perfect. I can be perfectly petty. He's all-powerful. I tripped getting out of the shower this morning. He knows all. I literally misspelled my name on a check a few days ago. I'll chalk that one up to turning 30!

I'm far from being Jesus, but can I make disciples like Jesus did? Can we make disciples like Jesus did? The answer is emphatically YES! If you're like me, then your tendency has been to say: "I can't do what Jesus did! He was God. And I'm clearly not." True - neither you nor I are God, but we can make disciples like Jesus did. In his text, *4 Chair Discipling*, author Dan

wonder, a superhero with superpowers. This is poor theology! Jesus was no super man. He was *fully* human."

This distinction is a critical one as the Apostle Paul did not see Jesus as being a superman, but rather as a very real person. Fully God AND fully man. The very same person that 1 John 2:6 commands us to "walk as He walked." The same person that Philippians 2:5 instructs us to "Adopt the same attitude as" or to "think the same way" that He thought. And the same person that Hebrews 2:17 claims, "was like us in all the ways". He was a real person, with real emotions, that was born to an ordinary woman.

So, how did Jesus make disciples? This is Spader's response:

1) Jesus was deeply committed to relational ministry. Jesus took time to get to know His disciples and allowed them to do the same of Him.

2) Jesus invested early in a few. Early on in His ministry, Jesus chose a select group of individuals and challenged them to go deeper with Him.

3) Jesus often slipped away to pray. The busier Jesus became, the more time He spent in prayer. Jesus' ministry began and ended with prayer.

4) Jesus loved sinners profoundly. He was described as a friend to sinners and was always drawn to the neediest, not the sharpest.

5) Jesus balanced His efforts to win the lost, build believers, and equip a few workers.

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