# Diving Deeper into Discipleship

**February 14, 2021 | Pastor Pete Fowler**

*Open Invitation: A Grand Reversal*

## Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Instead of feeling a sense of lack, do we find a way to quickly increase our income?
- Instead of feeling a sense of hunger, do we find a way to feed even the slightest emptiness?
- Instead of feeling a sense of sadness, do we seek to drown it out with superficial frivolity or distraction?
- Instead of feeling a sense of rejection, do we grasp for ways to improve our image in the eyes of others?

## Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **Exodus 34:29-32** | If Jesus is portrayed as the "new Moses," compare the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) to the short collection of teachings in Luke 6, which ideas/themes are similar? Which are different?
- **Isaiah 32:1-8** | According to this passage, what do foolish, wicked, ungodly people do to the poor? How would a "righteous king" (v. 1) change things?
- **James 5:1-6** | How do we differentiate being wise with our resources and becoming like those who are condemned in this prophetic critique?

## Self-Care Discipline

**February Discipline: Solitude & Silence**

A Quiet Place (*Celebration of Discipline p.106*)

- The discipline of silence and solitude are interwoven into the DNA of a Christian person. We rely on them like one relies on food or water. Perhaps this is why so many folks feel spiritually malnourished or dehydrated because they are not opening themselves up to silence and solitude. Solitude is not simply the absence of noise but the absence of distraction. Whenever we are able to sit and rest in the presence of God, our eyes are opened in ways that we wouldn't have imagined before.
- One thing you can do is try to establish a "quiet place" or several quiet places. The idea being that these places become set apart from your everyday life of noise and busyness. It is here that you can come to pray, find rest, and seek the peace of God. This space can be inside or outside your home. It can even be in the church building. Be creative. While here, you don't need to have an agenda, simply enter the space to be alone with God. Bring your full self into your quiet place and wait for the Spirit to move in you. God is not going to force himself into our lives. If we choose busyness and distraction, he will allow us to have it. But if we make ourselves available to God, he will be ready and move in us.

## Notes