

SERMON STARTERS

Series: **“WHAT IS THE CHURCH?”**

Message # 3 **“THE CHURCH: FELLOW-DISCIPLES WALKING TOGETHER”**

Text: **John 11:16**

“Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Intro:

We continue our study on the theme: “What Is The Church?” In the last two messages we have studied: “The Church: Fellowshipers Worshiping Together” and “The Church: Fellowlaborers Working Together.”

The word *“fellow”* is defined as, “Belonging to the same class; united by the same work, interest, aims, etc.; being in the same or like condition.” Furthermore, the word, *“fellow”* comes from an old Norwegian word meaning *“partner”*.

The word *“Disciple”* means, “A learner-follower. One who is learning as he/she follows the teacher.” Believers in Jesus Christ are in a class of fellow students in the school of Christ. Thus we are disciples of Christ and fellowdisciples with other believers. Let us explore the implications of this truth:

A. AS FELLOWDISCIPLES WE SIT UNDER THE SAME TEACHER.

1. Christ Was Authoritative in His Teaching.
2. Christ Was Clear In His Teaching.
3. Christ Was Skillful In His Teaching.
4. Christ Was Versatile In His Teaching.
5. Christ Was Firm In His Teaching.
6. Christ Was Gentle In His Teaching.

B. AS FELLOWDISCIPLES WE STUDY THE SAME TEXTBOOK.

The Bible is our Textbook. As Such it:

1. Emancipates. *“You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”*
2. Educates. II Tim 2:15

3. Elevates. *“That from a child ... which are able to make thee wise...”*

C. AS FELLOWDISCIPLES WE SUBMIT TO THE SAME TESTS.

1. The First Involves A Deliberate Choice.
“If anyone will come after me let him deny himself....”
2. The Second Involves A Daily Cross.
“... and take up his cross daily”
3. The Third Involves A Definite Commitment.
“... and follow me.”

D. AS FELLOWDISCIPLES WE SHARE THE SAME TASK.

1. We Are To Circulate. *“Go ye, therefore...”*
2. We Are To Communicate. *“... teach all nations ...”*
3. We Are To Consolidate. *“baptizing them ... teaching them to observe..”*

CONCLUSION:

The School of Christ is the only school where:

- The class is always in session.
- The Teacher is always present.
- A boy or girl studies the same lessons as Grandparents.
- A student is never suspended or failed.
- The student never graduates until death.
- The graduation exercises are held in Heaven.
- The Son of God is the Graduation Speaker!
- **ENROLL TODAY!!**