



Shofar Christian Church

# Days of our lives and the spaces in between

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# One day that changed everything

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**Luke 8 (ESV)**



# Lord over the storm

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**Purpose: what have we been called to?**

*Passion/Priority: how are we spending our time?*

*Place: where do we find ourselves?*

*People: who are with us?*

*Provision: what is in our hands?*

*Power: what brings the change?*



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**Purpose:** what have we been called to

14And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach  
15and have authority to cast out demons.

**Mark 3:14-15 (ESV)**

**Purpose:** what have we been called to

***Overarching Purpose:***  
*Their purpose was to be with Jesus in order  
to become like Him.*

***Specific Purpose:***  
*On this day, “go over to the other side”*  
*Our specific goals are governed by the  
overarching purpose of our lives.*



**Purpose:** what have we been called to

*The other side: Greek speaking region  
(Decapolis).*

*On the other side: the demoniac from Gadara.*

*The other side: always away from our comfort  
zone.*

*On the other side: someone is waiting for us.*

*Where is Jesus leading you?*

# Purpose: what have we been called to do

*Reaching nations and generations through discipleship, leadership development and church planting.*



# Purpose: what have we been called to do

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

**Purpose:** what have we been called to do

*“If we are not actively engaging ourselves with the Word of God by doing what it says, then we are like clouds that don’t rain. We hold out the promise of something refreshing, but when it comes time to deliver the goods, we are empty, leaving us incapable of quenching the thirst of people who need the Water of Life.”*

*James Poch, Holy Grit*



**Purpose:** what have we been called to do

*“If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water wil flow out of that person’s heart, as the Scriptures says,”  
John 7:38*

# Purpose: what have we been called to do

*Be with Jesus  
Go with Jesus  
Do with Jesus  
#BeGoDo*





In all the days of our lives

***Purpose:** what have we been called to?*

***Passion/Priority:** how are we spending our time?*

# Priorities: how are we spending our time?

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**Priorities: how are we spending our time**

***Every man dies, not every man really  
lives.***

***William Wallace, Braveheart***

***What we do in life, echoes in eternity.  
Maximus, Gladiator***

# Priorities: how are we spending our time

*It ought to be the business of every day to  
prepare for our last day.*

***Matthew Henry (1662-1714)***

*When it comes to physical, spiritual,  
emotional, or relational health, it will always  
cost you more if you don't start now.*

***Brad Bridges***



**Priorities:** how are we spending our  
time?

12 So teach us to number our days,  
that we may cultivate and bring to You a  
heart of wisdom.

*Psalm 90:12 (Amplified)*

# Priorities: how are we spending our time?

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

*Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)*



# Priorities: how are we spending our time

How we spend our days, determine our “times/seasons” of revelation and impact.

#bigdoors #smallhinges



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***Place:** where do we find ourselves?*



# Place: where do we find ourselves

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# Place: where do we find ourselves?

*“Without an adequate place to gather, [religious groups] miss opportunities to assemble in study, service, and prayer. The stakes are high for towns, too. Churches, synagogues, and mosques influence life well outside their walls: People who belong to religious institutions are more civically engaged than their secular neighbors.”*

# Place: where do we find ourselves?

*They are more likely to serve on school boards, volunteer at charities, and join clubs. In the absence of these institutions, communities can become fractured and isolated. Neighborly infrastructure decays.”*

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/11/rluipa/543504/>



# Place: where do we find ourselves?

“Thus, the architecture and aesthetics of our houses of worship—what we see, hear, feel, even smell—invariably shape our communion with Christ and one another week after week.”

*Duke Kwon , [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org),  
The underrated value of church buildings.*

# Place: where do we find ourselves?

## **Ministry Vision: Hallow's Church**

Just as Christ displayed servant leadership, the Sunday Setup Ministry Team seeks to selflessly serve the community by preparing a space where they can encounter and worship God from the moment they walk into the building to the moment they leave, with as few physical distractions and hindrances from the setting as possible.



# Place: where do we find ourselves?

How does our purpose to be with Christ and to become like Him find expression in the physical space in which we live?

Your room

Your car

Your office space

Your house

Your classroom

Your small group and Sunday gathering

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People: who are with us?

Let us: *He is the One that brought us together. "us" is His idea.*



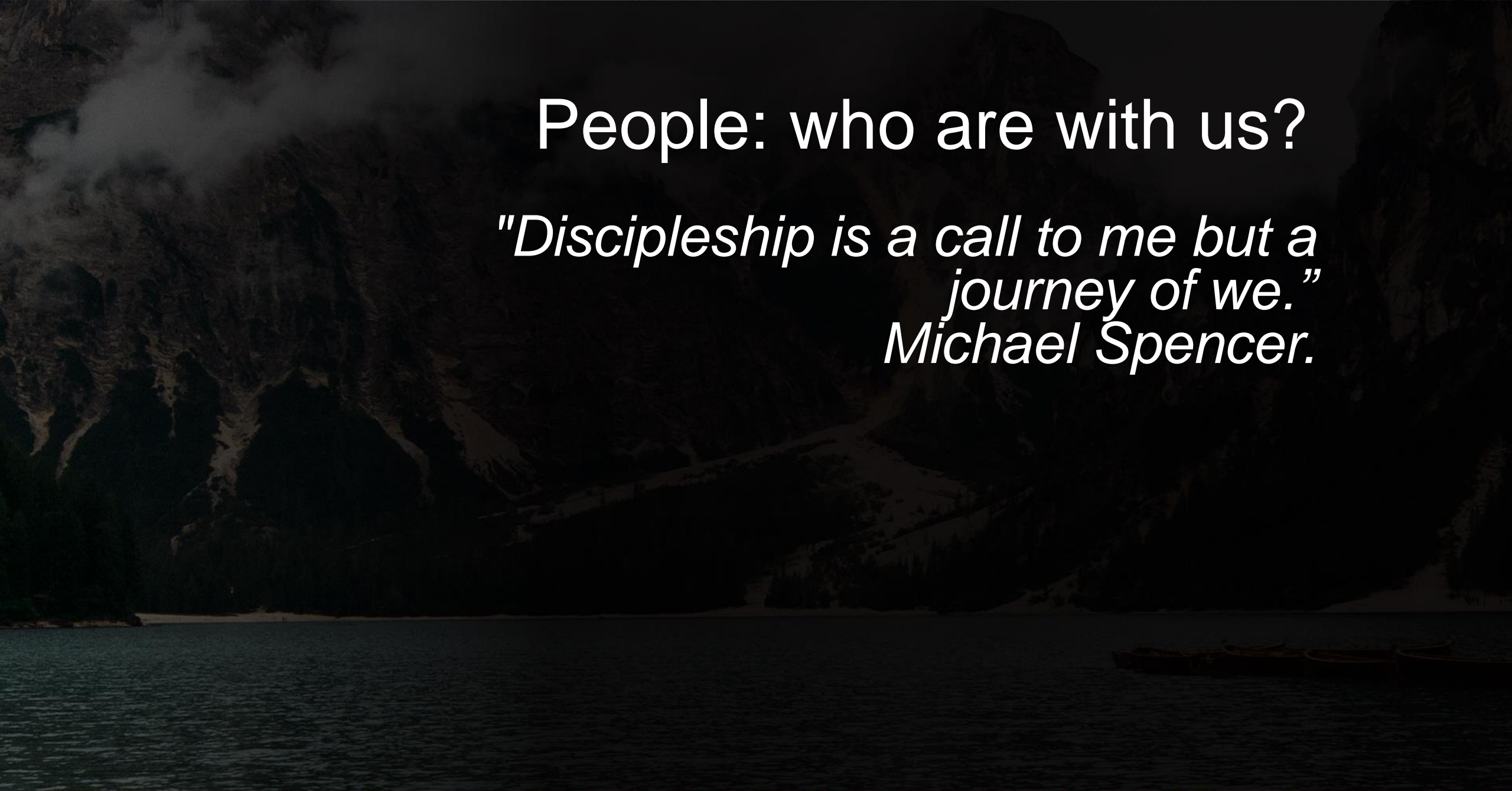
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*35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.“*

*John 13:35(ESV)*

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*John 13:35(AMP)*



# People: who are with us?

*"Discipleship is a call to me but a journey of we."  
Michael Spencer.*



# People: who are with us?

*13But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15As it is said,*

*"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

*Hebrews 3:13 (ESV)*

# People: who are with us?

*"Paul uses the term "one another" I think its 34 times in his letters, ..... We need to be a community that supports one another and above all supports one another in the sort of habits that form Christian character."  
Bishop Graham Cray*



People: who are with us?

*Are you being disciplined?  
Are you disciplining someone?*

*Discipleship is never coincidental.*

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# Provision: what do we have to get to the other side/what is in our hands?

*9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

*2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)*

# Provision: what do we have to get to the other side?

*His divine power has granted to us all things that  
pertain to life and godliness, through the  
knowledge of him who called us to his own glory  
and excellence,*

*2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)*



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# What is He saying to you today?

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