



SOPC Word of the Month

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This is the first month of a series called "Word of the Month", a ReShape initiative to help us better understand frequently used words in the life of a Christian. An email will be sent out weekly to our members to provide more clarity and examples of how the word is used. If you have further questions, please call the church office to arrange a discussion with Pastor Jana or an elder of Session.

Disciple/ Discipleship

Last week, we discussed that following Jesus is an important attribute of discipleship. This week, we will elaborate on the "learner" characteristic.

It is interesting to note that the Greek word for disciple, comes from the Greek word which means "to learn." Hence, a true disciple is a learner—one who learns because he is instructed by the Holy Spirit. If the Bible is our textbook, our manual for spiritual survival, we need to have more than a passing acquaintance with it. The amazing thing about being a disciple of Christ is that you can never learn enough about him! Thank God that the basics of Christ being our Savior are there for all to believe and be part of the fold. But then, the disciple realizes that there is so much more to this Jesus than meets the eye. That is why the church offers a variety of educational opportunities. From Sunday School to Small Groups to hearing lectures from experts while we share a meal together, to sponsoring off site learning opportunities, to doing service projects, the church is committed to seeing that each of our members continues to grow and learn about their discipleship.

Remember, Seven Oaks is here to help you understand and practice discipleship by providing opportunities for you to learn more about Jesus.

*"My Take my yoke upon you and **learn** from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11: 29*