

Series: Core Values, # 1

The Foundation of Discipleship

Matthew 7:24-27

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that discipleship (the life of believing in and following him) cannot be limited to hearing the teaching of the Lord; we must put it into practice. This morning we will consider three things which demonstrate that a local church is following the Lord:

1) Communion

Luke 22:17-21

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

2) Baptism

Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 3:13-17

Acts 2:38

Matthew 10:32-33

3) Prayer for healing

James 5:13-16

Mark 6:5, Matthew 13:58

Acts 9, 2 Corinthians 12

Clearly to Jesus and the early church, these elements were important because of their deep meaning. How do we continue to practice these regularly, without losing sight of their significance?