

First Mount Zion Baptist Church

***Wednesday Bible Study***

***June 18, 2025***

*Fully Devoted Follower of Jesus Christ: The Four-Step Strategy in Review*

**Presenters: Rev. Kathy Russell 11 am and Rev. Dr. Karl F. Brower 7:30 pm**

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**Objective:** Review how the Bible Study series on the elements of the four-step strategy have impacted your understanding and implementation of the four-step strategy. The purpose of this lesson is to remind you of what we shared with one another and to assess the impact of what we shared.

**Expectation-** Bible study participants will be doing most of the talking. We are going to pivot off of your insights.

To facilitate this review, we will reflect on each step of the strategy and consider how its application has strengthened our walk with Christ. Let us examine our commitment to the principles and practices that define a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, while preparing ourselves to embrace ongoing growth in faith and action in service to God and others.

**Service-** You cannot be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ without service. Service is where our faith is most concretely manifested, it is the litmus test of the confession. 1 Peter 4:10-11 - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

What was the most impactful comment you remember from the previous teaching on service?

What have you identified as your places of service: congregational/church, personal/individual, community?

Why is each location (church, one-on-one, and communal) of service important?

**Stewardship** We are stewardesses and stewards of God's blessings, including this faith that we have received.

How does stewardship impact your discipleship? How does your attention or attentiveness to your stewardship responsibilities impact your faith relationship?

Aphorism- to whom much is given \_\_\_\_\_

Consider Luke 16:10: "Whoever is \_\_\_\_\_ in a very little is \_\_\_\_\_ also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much."

**Study of the Word:** Our inspired revelation is an essential source of understanding of the nature of God and what is required to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Can you see a correlation between consistency in your study of God's word and your trust and obedience?

How did this series impact your study of the word?

Why is the study of the word in community important?

**Worship:** The act of showing reverence to God

What are the modes of worship? P\_\_\_\_\_, T\_\_\_\_\_, and  
L\_\_\_\_\_.

How do each of these modes of worship show reverence?

What is the value of corporate worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the value of individual worship / devotional time? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Reflection**

Of these four steps, which have you had growth / the most growth over the last six months, and in what way?

Are these four steps necessary (you must do each of these) and sufficient (this is all you need) to being fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ?

Conclusion-