

BREAKTHROUGH DISCIPLES....FOLLOW JESUS

Fall Program Theme!

How often in life have you been presented with opportunities to follow Jesus: extending a welcoming hand and friendly conversation to visitors to St. Mark's, aiding a stranded driver, providing aide and comfort to victims of all types, volunteering to help build a Habitat for Humanity Home and so many other instances; yet, so often the call to follow Jesus goes unanswered. We rationalize why it is we cannot act. Breakthrough Disciples overcome these rationalizations...the obstacles that drowned out the call to follow Jesus. They routinely step outside of their comfort zone and perform selfless acts benefiting God's children.

This year's fall theme is "Breakthrough Disciples....follow Jesus." The notion of breaking through conjures up many images. Of these the one that touches each of us is the notion of overcoming our own self imposed limitations. The Stewardship Committee implores each of you to consider the restrictions you have conscientiously or sub-conscientiously imposed upon yourself that block your ability to follow Jesus and perform the acts of love and compassion that Jesus would have you do. If each of us can overcome or "breakthrough" these self imposed limitations, the innate gifts and talents with which each of us have been blessed will be liberated in service to others. "Let your light so shine before other that they might see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

Join your fellow Disciples this fall in participating in the many opportunities to "breakthrough", including:

- An uplifting seven week sermon series on breaking through and allowing Jesus to lead us even more both as individuals and as a congregation
- A Power Point presentation on the "breakthrough" ministries at St Mark's
- Great Groups – exploration of faith in an intimate small group setting
- Testimonials from fellow members on how they broke through personal limitations to deepen their relationship with God and others
- Rally Day breakfast September 9.