Notes from the Sermon to Consider:

- 1. Discipling is a core value of Grayson United Methodist Church because it is a core part of the Christian faith. We say it in verb form because we want to evaluate everything we commit to do through the lens of this question: how does this improve our personal relationship with God? We want to create a practice throughout the church of becoming who Christ calls us to be.
- 2. Discipleship means devoted allegiance to a chosen master's teaching. It's not just knowing what God's word says. It's patterning our lives after Christ's life. Our preaching event centered on 1 Corinthians 11:1, which says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." Another translation says, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."
- 3. Within the language of discipling is the dynamic of teacher/student. The Scripture presents the picture that on my journey to become like Christ, I am intentionally learning from people and people are intentionally learning from me. There are many examples of this throughout Scripture, especially including Jesus mentoring the 12 disciples and women who walked with them.

Tasks for the Week:

- 1. Who do you follow that follows Christ? Who follows you as you follow Christ? What would it take for you to see yourself in this mentoring/mentee role moving forward? Answer this question this week. Read Luke 10 and see how these stories can be viewed through the discipling lens. Other readings: Ruth 1, 2 Timothy 3, and Philemon.
- 2. Use this week to thank those who teach you about Jesus spiritually. And thank those who trust you spiritually to teach them about Jesus. Most of all, thank the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of His plan to make disciples that transform the world around them!

Scripture to Meditate on and Pray through this Week:

1. Proverbs 9:9 - Give instruction to the wise and they will be wiser still, teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.