

Inviting all Church Leaders, Elders, Deacons, Pastors, Members:

Missional Discipleship: a Saturday Morning with Ray Jones

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Saturday, November 17, 2018

9:00am - 12:30pm

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church

5299 Jamesville Rd, DeWitt, NY 13214

Workshop on Outreach and Culture:

Ray says:

"I want to explore the nature of biblical community and the ways discipleship leads to more authentic ways of sharing faith and being part of God's mission. I am becoming more and more convinced that the church needs to be a place of peculiar people who love God and the world so much that we are willing to give away our lives. And we have the words to share for why we are part of such a movement and lifestyle. One of the problems with traditional evangelism is there is a disconnect between the words that are shared and the life that is lived.

To demonstrate how transforming discipleship leads to mission. Jesus invested in his early followers, so they would go where he intended to go. Their lives were transformed by his life, and they were sent out to bear witness to this new life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they joined Jesus' ministry of healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and walking with the marginalized. In North America, discipleship is often understood as receiving information that will improve one's spiritual life. Many North American Christians understand discipleship as their "church" experience, which is separate from and has little influence on the rest of their lives. Therefore, discipleship is disconnected from mission. Luke 10:1-10 will be used as a platform to discover how discipleship is connected to mission in our culture."

"Looking forward to spending time with y'all!" - Ray Jones