

## Using Examples (and inferences) to Discern God's Will

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:21

“For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, \_\_\_\_\_ you an \_\_\_\_\_, so that you would \_\_\_\_\_ in His steps...”

Disciple – *a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher*

How do we determine what to do in order to follow Jesus when there is no direct instruction regarding what to do?

As J.W. McGarvey once said,

“Those who are willing to be guided by the slightest indications of the will of God in preference to their own judgment, will find sufficient to satisfy them”

John 13:12-17

“Then, when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you? You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’; and you are correct, for so I am. So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an \_\_\_\_\_, so that you also would do just as I did for you. Truly, truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know \_\_\_\_\_, you are blessed if you do them.”

Cases in point:

1) Why do we meet on the first day of the week?

- a) We know Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of the week – Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2, Luke 24:1, 13 & 21 & John 20:1
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ was on a first day of the week – Leviticus 23:1-16, Numbers 28:26 & Deuteronomy 16:1-10 (Acts 2)
- c) The saints in Troas met with Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of the week – Acts 20:7
- d) The church in Corinth were to do as Paul taught the churches in Galatia and \_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of the week – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:1-2
- e) John was in the Spirit on the \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 1:10

- f) The \_\_\_\_\_ was no longer enjoined on God's people – Matthew 5:17, Hebrews 8 & Jeremiah 31:31ff

2) Why do we observe the Lord's Supper?

- a) There is no recorded \_\_\_\_\_ to do so  
b) Jesus simply promised that he would drink it with them anew in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ – Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25 & Luke 22:14-20  
c) Jesus' apostle said he simply \_\_\_\_\_ the church what Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ him regarding the supper – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23  
d) But we see in God's record that the \_\_\_\_\_ observed the supper – Acts 2:42, 20:7 & 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:17ff

3) Why do we use unleavened bread & grape juice for the Lord's Supper?

- a) These would have been the two things Jesus would have used when he "instituted" this supper because it was done during the \_\_\_\_\_

What did inspired writers say about examples?

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:1-6 – don't crave \_\_\_\_\_ things like the children of \_\_\_\_\_  
⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:1 – Paul said to \_\_\_\_\_ him as he imitated \_\_\_\_\_  
⇒ James 5:11 & 17 – James used both \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ as examples  
⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:3 – Peter told his fellow \_\_\_\_\_ to be examples to the flock