

Whoever finds his life will  
lose it, and whoever loses  
his life for my sake will  
find it.  
Mt 10:39

Share the teaching  
Guard the sharing

# Male Call

## October 12, 2007—The Great Commission: Discipleship—Part IX

6:00 – 6:05	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Coffee &amp; Donuts</li> <li>2) Opening Prayer</li> </ol>
6:05 – 7:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A couple of weeks ago, we talked about discipleship as a journey and we highlighted Peter as an example.</li> <li>2) Often discipleship stops because we do not understand the entire journey and we think we have arrived at the upper end—we are a mature Christian—when in fact there is much farther to go.</li> <li>3) This is not always caused by our pride; often we are simply ignorant of the true nature of the spiritual journey because we have never been made fully aware of it.</li> <li>4) St. Teresa of Avila’s Mansions of the Heart, published in 1588 (see handout) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nun from the 1500s well recognized for her abiding relationship with Christ</li> <li>b) According to Teresa, it is possible to move backwards as well as forwards and to partially inhabit several mansions at once</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) What imagery does Teresa use to describe our soul? What is the significance of this?</li> <li>6) Why a “tracking” system of spiritual development <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) We need to know our destination</li> <li>b) Understanding the journey removes surprises and allows for proper support and encouragement</li> <li>c) We “operate” differently in prayer at different stages of growth; progress through the mansions is best marked by one’s prayer life</li> <li>d) When on a long, hard journey it is good to be able to see progress</li> <li>e) A glimpse of the awaiting splendor can spur us on</li> <li>f) NOT TO BE USED TO CONDEMN OURSELVES OR TO JUDGE OTHERS!</li> </ol> </li> <li>7) Mike’s journey</li> </ol>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Dubay, Thomas. *The Fire Within*