

Starting from Scratch Teaching Theme

SUREFOOTED MINISTRIES

Empowering Believers for a Transformative Faith Journey

TEACHING THEME

From Believing → Growing → Transforming → Maturing → Equipping → Going

OPENING

ARE YOU REALLY GROWING?

We live in a fast-paced world.

Information is everywhere.

Messages are everywhere.

Opinions are everywhere.

But access to information does not automatically produce **spiritual maturity**.

A person can know Scripture and still struggle to live Scripture.

A person can attend church and still remain spiritually stagnant.

A person can believe in Christ and still need to grow deeper in their relationship with Him.

THIS IS WHY DISCIPLESHIP MATTERS.

Surefooted Ministries exists to help believers move beyond simply **knowing about Christ** to actually **walking with Christ**.

The ministry's purpose is to provide personalized discipleship that helps believers develop their full potential in Christ.

OPENING QUESTION

Where are you in your walk with Christ?

Are you:

Beginning?

Growing?

Being restored?

Being transformed?

Becoming mature?

Equipping someone else?

PART 1

THE FOUNDATION: CHRIST

EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH CHRIST

The mission of Surefooted Ministries is to help believers grow in their relationship with Christ through proven tools and personalized mentorship.

The objective is not temporary spiritual excitement.

The objective is **deep, lasting transformation**.

A strong spiritual life needs a strong foundation.

If the foundation is weak, everything built upon it is vulnerable.

But when Christ is the foundation, we have somewhere solid to stand.

"God does not simply want to make us better. He wants to transform us in Christ."

PART 2

DISCIPLESHIP: MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE A PRACTICING DISCIPLE

What is discipleship?

Discipleship is more than gathering information.

It is more than memorizing Scripture.

It is more than attending a Bible study.

Discipleship is learning to live the way Jesus calls us to live.

Surefooted Ministries seeks to develop practicing disciples who integrate biblical principles into everyday life.

THREE MOVEMENTS

KNOW IT

Learn God's Word.

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LIVE IT

Apply God's Word.

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BECOME IT

Allow God's Word to shape your character.

QUESTION:

"What biblical truth do I know that God is now asking me to practice?"

PART 3

THE FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL GOD HAS MORE FOR US THAN INFORMATION

The gospel is a message of:

HOPE

TRANSFORMATION

BLESSING

This material points to Romans 10:16 and Romans 15:29 in emphasizing obedience to the gospel and the fullness of Christ's blessing.

Consider this:

We do not want believers merely to hear the gospel.

We want believers to **experience its transforming reality into their lives.**

Sometimes spiritual stagnation comes because we have stopped growing.

Sometimes we need renewed understanding.

Sometimes we need obedience.

Sometimes we need restoration.

Consider this question:

"What is preventing me from moving forward in my relationship with Christ?"

Pause. Think about that.

PART 4

RESTORATION

WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR FOOTING

Life can bring:

- Disappointment
- Discouragement
- Failure
- Confusion
- Difficult circumstances
- Seasons of spiritual dryness

These experiences can cause believers to feel disconnected from their faith.

But losing your footing does not mean you have to remain down.

RESTORATION IS POSSIBLE.

Surefooted Ministries focuses on helping believers rediscover their identity in Christ and regain their footing in faith.

INSIGHT:

"God is not finished with you because you have struggled."

The emphasis is not merely on getting someone through a difficult moment.

The emphasis is on **long-lasting restoration**.

QUESTION:

"Am I looking for a temporary fix, or am I allowing God to produce lasting transformation?"

PART 5

TRANSFORMATION

DEEPER THAN THE SURFACE

Superficial change does not usually produce lasting results.

You can change your behavior temporarily.

But God desires to transform the heart and mind.

Surefooted Ministries emphasizes deep and enduring transformation rather than fleeting emotional experiences.

CONTRAST

TEMPORARY CHANGE

"I need to do better."

DEEP TRANSFORMATION

"Lord, change me."

TEMPORARY CHANGE

"I need my circumstances to change."

DEEP TRANSFORMATION

"Lord, transform me while I walk through my circumstances."

POWERFUL QUESTION

"Am I asking God only to change my situation—or am I allowing Him to change me?"

PART 6

MATURITY

GOD WANTS US TO GROW UP IN CHRIST

Spiritual maturity is a lifelong journey.

It involves developing:

Wisdom

Discernment

Understanding

Stability

Christlike character

Surefooted Ministries identifies maturity as a central objective of spiritual development.

COLOSSIANS 1:28–29

Paul speaks of proclaiming Christ and teaching with wisdom so that believers may be presented **mature in Christ**.

INSIGHT:

Salvation is not the finish line.

Salvation begins the journey.

We are called to grow.

We are called to mature.

We are called to become increasingly established in Christ.

QUESTION:

"Am I at the same spiritual place today that I was a year ago?"

If the answer is yes, ask:

"What needs to change?"

PART 7

SCRIPTURE IS THE FOUNDATION

WE BUILD ON GOD'S WORD

Surefooted Ministries is firmly rooted in biblical principles.

Its mission and objectives draw upon Scripture concerning obedience, the fullness of Christ's blessing, proclaiming Christ, teaching with wisdom, and spiritual maturity.

CONSIDER THIS:

Methods can change.

Technology can change.

Culture can change.

But God's Word remains the foundation.

The purpose of discipleship is not to create people who simply know what a ministry teaches.

It is to help people know, understand, and live according to **God's truth**.

PART 8

THE ONLINE ADVANTAGE REACHING BEYOND THE WALLS

One of the distinctive features of Surefooted Ministries is its online format.

This makes personalized discipleship accessible across geographical boundaries and provides flexibility for believers to participate according to their circumstances.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Technology is a tool.

The question is not:

"Is ministry online?"

The question is:

"Are we using every available opportunity to help people grow in Christ?"

The online format can connect believers who might otherwise never have an opportunity to participate.

PART 9

COMMUNITY WE GROW TOGETHER

Surefooted Ministries is not focused only on individual transformation.

It also seeks to build a vibrant community of believers who can encourage one another, remain accountable, collaborate, and advance God's Kingdom.

FOUR WORDS

ENCOURAGEMENT

I strengthen you.

ACCOUNTABILITY

I help you stay committed.

COLLABORATION

We work together.

COMMUNITY

We don't walk alone.

INSIGHT:

"Your spiritual growth can become someone else's encouragement."

God does not transform us merely for ourselves.

As we grow, we become better equipped to help others.

PART 10

THE SUREFOOTED LIFE WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK SUREFOOTED?

It means becoming established in your relationship with Christ so that life's challenges do not continually knock you off course.

Surefooted Ministries seeks to equip believers to confidently navigate challenges while proclaiming the hope and truth found in Jesus Christ.

**THE JOURNEY
CHRIST**



DISCIPLESHIP



RESTORATION



TRANSFORMATION



MATURITY



EQUIPPING



COMMUNITY



KINGDOM IMPACT

FINAL CHALLENGE

DON'T JUST START THE JOURNEY.

GROW THROUGH THE JOURNEY.

God wants believers who are:

ROOTED

RESTORED

TRANSFORMED

MATURE

EQUIPPED

ACTIVE

SUREFOOTED

The ministry's continuing **purpose** is restoring, empowering, and cultivating believers who are ready to share God's love with the world.

CLOSING DECLARATION

READ THIS ALOUD

I will not remain spiritually stagnant.

I will continue to grow in Christ.

I will allow God's Word to transform my mind and heart.

I will pursue spiritual maturity.

I will receive restoration when I lose my footing.

I will allow God to equip me for His purposes.

I will encourage others in their journey.

I will stand firm in Christ.

I WILL WALK SUREFOOTED.

CLOSING THOUGHT

The goal is not simply to know more.

The goal is to **become more like Christ**.

The goal is not simply to receive.

The goal is to **be equipped to give**.

The goal is not simply to grow for ourselves.

The goal is to **help others grow**.

And the goal is not simply to begin the Christian journey.

THE GOAL IS TO WALK IT OUT—

SUREFOOTED IN CHRIST.

RESTORE.

EMPOWER.

TRANSFORM.

MATURE.

EQUIP.

SEND.

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