

It was an 11 day trip here in the US and he made one of his stops here in Phoenix, Arizona. The Bukas Loob sa Diyos Catholic Community is so blessed to have him.

He gave a talk on the "Principles of Discipleship" based on this verse:

*"As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him." -Matthew 9:9*

1. Leave Stuff Behind - Matthew did not bother to see what to bring, but stood and followed Jesus without hesitation. Nor did he say 'Wait Lord, I have to say goodbye to my family.' or 'Lord, can I just fix my stuff here then I will follow you'. Matthew gave in obediently to the calling of God.

2. Live with the Master 24/7 - Matthew lived with his master, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Sleeping and eating with him, traveling with him, taking down notes whenever the Lord speaks, literally living with the Lord. We should also do the same. Live with our God, our Master, wherever we are, whatever we do, 24 by 7.

3. Bring what can be transformed for God's glory - Matthew brought his pen, the pen which he used to sin. He used this pen to betray his country and was considered a public sinner. This is the same pen he used to bring glory to God through transforming the use of the pen into something good.

4. Live on the Edge - Matthew fully trusted the Lord by living on the edge, bringing nothing but himself. And the Lord was faithful to him. Trusting that the Lord will take care of our very needs.

Who are the disciples of the Lord? All who are baptized in the name of the Lord, are disciples of Him. Isn't that great?

May all be blessed with the truth that WE are all called to be disciples!!

God bless everyone,

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