

John Wesley: The Early Years

Series: Our Methodist Heritage

Related Readings: (go to Amazon.com or Cokesbury (800-672-1789))

- "Understanding the United Methodist Church" by Nolan Harmon
- "Wesley and the People Called Methodists" by R. Heitzenrater
- related links on our church website (www.DidoUMC.com)

1. Our Methodist Heritage appreciates, empowers, and deliberately sets apart _____ in ministry, because from the beginning, we have seen that they are just as capable as men

- the Bible supports this view; women leaders (over men) in the Bible include Chloe, Euodia & Syntyche, Priscilla, Phoebe, Mary, Tryphaena & Tryphosa, Persis, the mother of Rufus, Julia, and Appia; Galatians 3:28, Paul himself states, "There is no difference between male nor female"

2. John Wesley (and "Methodism" in general) was intentional in being a part of and forming _____ groups for the purpose of discipleship.

- LifeGroups are the modern-day equivalent of Wesley's class & band meetings

3. The name "Method...ists" was born through the strict _____ of this Holy Club & more specifically of John Wesley in adhering to the spiritual disciplines.

The 7 spiritual disciplines (or the methods of Methodism)

(1) Prayer;(2) Presence in worship regularly;(3) Gifts (*Tithing 10% of your income to God, while being debt-free*);(4) Service;

(5) Bible Study;

(6) Sharing Your faith;

(7) Christian Fellowship

4. One purpose of the church (& Methodists) is to help as many people as possible to have that experience where their heart is strangely _____.

- **John 3:1-21**- "Nicodemus, unless you are born again, you cannot enter the kingdom of God.... For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- **Matthew 11:28-30** - "Come to me, all of you who are weary & burdened, & I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you & learn from Me, for I am gentle & humble in heart... & you will find rest for your souls."

Other Notes:

1. women 2. small 3. methods 4. warmed