Big Brother

Text: Matthew 28: 10

Within the week I asked a couple of people the question: when you hear "big brother" what comes to your mind? Well, I asked, so I got interesting answers@! They answered based on cultural setting, race, background, upbringing, age group etc. opinions expressed on the question include: "elder, the show, I don't know, protector, friend, dad, lol and what? ..."

In Matthew 28:10 Jesus says to the women: "... go and tell my *brothers* to go to Galilee..." This is the first time Jesus Christ calls His disciples brothers. See, in John 13:13 Jesus says "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am." He was their teacher and Lord, but that changed after the resurrection. Jesus did not just see His disciples as His students any more, but as brothers. Calling His disciples brothers is a huge contradiction to Jewish culture, and a change of the concept of brotherhood.

I. Jesus is our Big Brother: so what?

- It means He is willing to forgive and love us unconditionally (That's what big brothers do). His disciples had wronged Him yet He calls them brothers. Mark 14
- It means His eyes are upon us! He is not watching us because He wants to find faults, He watches us because He wants to be our intercessor. Romans 8:34
- II. Are you the brother/sister of Jesus Matthew 12:48-50

III. What are we supposed to do?

Romans 8:11 – we have the power to act like Jesus did, simply put; we are big brothers to each other. What does being a big brother to

others mean? Taking a cue from Jesus our ultimate Big Brother:

- a protector
- a friend
- giving second chances
- loving without condition
- correcting in love
- supporting others in every way
- sharing good news/and also bad news

Announcements:

- **Welcome** newcomers
- **Worship Times** (refer to first fold of program).
- **Redemption Hour** 6 pm Sunday.
- May Birthdays see next page.
- Friday Morning Prayers 9 am Prayer Session for Spiritual Power.
- **All Night Prayers** 1st Saturday of every month. June 2nd 9 pm 12 am, we are all invited bring a friend.
- **Condolences** Sis. Mary (Bro. Abraham's wife) lost her father last week. We should all remember her & the family in our prayers.
- 8th Anniversary of Christ Disciples
 Assembly June 15th 17th, day one
 – Movie night & popcorn. Day two A
 day in the park, hot dogs, football,
 basketball and other games. Day three –
 The Main Event is our Sunday service
 and refreshments after Church.
- **Church Etiquette** Respect the ushers, silence cell phones and please keep our sanctuary clean by picking up after ourselves.
- Vacation Bible School 1st Church of the Brethren, July 29th — August 2nd, more details to come.
- Learning an Instrument All those interested in learning to play an instrument should see Pastor BB.
- Baptismal Candidates All interested

- candidates should see one of the Pastors.
- Graduations Bro. James & Sis. Mabel graduate from Central York on Fri, June 1st. All are invited to support them.
- www.ChristDisciplesUSA.com Sermons, Tithing, and more.
- Offering: Hymn.

May Birthdays

May 3 rd	Brother Emeka
May 8 th	Pastor Dadeboe
May 9 th	Sister Comfort
May 10 th	Brother Frank
May 22 nd	Sister Ann
May 23 rd	Brother Milton
May 23 rd	Sister Marcella
May 28 th	Brother Kevin

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Worship Times Sunday, May 27th, 2018

9:30 Welcome and Opening Prayers

10:00 Sunday school

Growing in the Christian Life

10:30 Congregational Hymns

10:40 Praise & Worship

11:00 Today's Message **Big Brother**

12:00 Announcements
Offering – Ushers
Offering – Hymn

12:30 Closing Prayers & Benediction

Please Silence Your Cell Phone **Visitors**: If you are new to our area and are looking for a Church home, we would love to have you as a part of our Church family. Please leave us your name and phone number so that we may contact you.

Please complete our **Guest Information card** which will be presented to you by our ushers. Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again.



Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13 v 14

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and ever more."

Amen

Psalm 23 v 6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever."

Amen



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