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Discipleship 101 in Turbulent Times: Part 2– “Look to the Lamb”

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Our Mission: Develop fully committed followers of Christ

Recap: Seventh-day Adventists are a prophetic movement raised up by God to make disciples for Jesus. We can learn valuable lessons from John the Baptist who was Christ’s first disciple and first disciple maker. Like John we’re called to: 1) _____ others to the Lamb of God; 2) live a careful life style because of our mission; and 3) serve as Jesus’ _____ team preparing disciples for His return.

1. John the Baptist’s ministry and role was built upon what Old Testament prophet’s life and ministry?
☛ **Luke 1:13-17:** “Spirit and power of _____.”

“With the earnestness that characterized Elijah the prophet and John the Baptist, we are to strive to prepare the way for Christ’s second advent.” Ellen White; Southern Review, March 21,1905 (4BC 1184)

2. What can we learn from Elijah’s story and message that will help us to thoroughly prepare ourselves and others to be ready for Jesus’ return?
☛ **1 Kings 18**

Key insight #1: Elijah’s original mission and work (1 Kings 18) drew attention to God’s commandments, called for a decision to serve Him, _____ the true worship of God, revealed God’s sacrificial mercy; and resulted in judgment on false worshipers. (These insights lay the groundwork for our next sermon based in Revelation 14--the Three Angel’s Messages.)

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Key insight #2: **Like Elijah, we may experience mission fatigue and spiritual burn out. God’s dealings with His discouraged prophet reveals great compassion and _____ leading not to rejection but to reinvestment of the prophet and ultimately transport out of this world.**

3. What Old Testament passage adds prophetic urgency to end-time disciple makers?
☛ **Malachi 4:4, 5**
When is the “great and dreadful day of the Lord”?
–Joel 2:31

–Luke 21:5-11; 25-28

Key insight #3: **The Old Testament closes with a bold prediction—the return of Elijah before the “great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Joel 2:31 reveals that certain cosmic signs precede this day. Jesus identifies these signs as _____ his return in Luke 21:25-27.** Therefore, the Elijah prophecy is applicable to last day disciples of Jesus.

4. What does the end-time message of Elijah accomplish?
☛ **Malachi 4:6**
–Same message of reconciliation (Luke 1:16,17)
–Compare to 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Key insight #4: **Last day disciples who prepare other for the return of Christ are also called to be _____ of people; reconciling people with God and one another.**

Key insight #5: **As we study last things (eschatology), let’s keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who is the ultimate Last One (eschatos). He is this earth’s Last Word.**

What is God’s Spirit saying is your next step as a last day disciple maker?
