

**The Permanent Rope**  
**John 11:1-44**

Disciples are made by trusting in Jesus

The church can make disciples as people trust in Jesus for;

1. the glory of God to be revealed in their lives. v1- 6
2. the plan of God to be fulfilled in their lives. v7-16
3. the gospel of God to be revealed in their lives. V17-27
4. the new life of God to be experienced in their lives. v28-44

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

*Assurance grows by repeated conflict, by our repeated experimental proof of the Lord's power and goodness to save; when we have been brought very low and helped, sorely wounded and healed, cast down and raised again, have given up all hope, and been suddenly snatched from danger, and placed in safety; and when these things have been repeated to us and in us a thousand times over, we begin to learn to trust simply to the word and power of God, beyond and against appearances: and this trust, when habitual and strong, bears the name of assurance; for even assurance has degrees.*

~John Newton~

1725 – 1807, an English evangelical Anglican minister and slavery abolitionist. He had previously been a captain of slave ships and an investor in the slave trade. Newton served as a sailor in the Royal Navy and was himself enslaved for a time in West Africa. Newton is noted for being author of the hymn "Amazing Grace"