

Disciples "Discipling" Be a disciple who makes disciples

Making disciples is a basic part of the Christian life

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you, to the very end of the age." -Matt. 28:18-20



Week 1 FOLLOW

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said...

Matt. 4:19a

Jesus calling people to follow Him:

Matt. 4:18-22/Mark 1:16-20/Luke 5:1-10

Mark 2:14-17

Matt. 8:19-22

Mark 2:14-17/Luke 5:27-28

What's your response? Imagine Jesus coming to you at your workplace, home..."follow Me"...

What's on your name tag? "Christ Follower" "Disciple" "His"

Mark 2:18 called disciples of Jesus - our identity!

Recognition/reputation others recognized them as Jesus' disciples
Jesus' reputation was in their hands (in our hands)
Behavior is judged, observed, ridiculed,...
We are His!!!

(Known as His disciples: Mt. 10:38; 16:24-28 Mk. 8:34 Lk. 9:28, 57-67 John 10:27; 12:25,26)

Mark 2:24

What was Jesus asking? FOLLOW.
BE LIKE ME. IMITATE.
LEARN FROM ME.

DEFINITIONS: disciple Greek "mathetes" = disciple...a follower, someone who adheres completely to the teachings of another, making them his own rule of life and conduct

Those who follow Jesus by faith

disciple/discipling

"life on life loving in word and deed"

Helping others follow Jesus; flows directly from being a disciple

discipleship

“FOLLOW ME” Think of someone who has asked you to follow them; what questions would you ask before you jump in?

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“With-ness”

Imitation > WWJD > DO AS I DO Simon says

I Cor. 4:14-17

I Cor. 11:1

John 13:1-16 (*15)

John 13:34

1 John 2:3-6

Matt. 4:19

Luke 6:40

Phil 2:5

I Pet. 2:21

“disciple – a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.”

“Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike.”

-This requires responsiveness to Holy Spirit promptings, examining self, comparing with the Word; which requires being in the Word consistently, studying, praying, obeying...

When Jesus invited men to follow Him, He was not saying go this way to find truth and life; he was saying “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Follow Me. Come unto Me.....He offered life itself; a place to find rest for our souls (in Him), joy in our hearts (from Him), meaning in life (through Him)

The heart of His call to follow includes the forgiveness of sin, but also the fullness of His Spirit...death to self and Jesus becoming your very life...

Jesus does not tell his disciples what he will call **them to do** but rather what He will **cause them to do**...“I will make you fishers of men”

“As these disciples followed Jesus, he would transform everything about their lives: their thoughts, their desires, their wills, their relationships, and ultimately the very purpose for which they lived.”

(thoughts from Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live, David Platt)