

Disciples "Discipling"

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 2 PRICE TAGS "I will follow you wherever you go..." Lk. 9:57
 "...he cannot be My disciple." Lk. 14:23

The Cost:

Luke 9:57-62

Luke 14:23-33

Phil. 3:7-11

Matt. 10:37,38

Price tags...our choices, priorities

Consider the "value" of another - what price will you pay to disciple them....?

How would we fill in the bill of sale? The first one is Jesus paying the price for us...fill yours in...the second one looks different...how would you write up a bill of sale regarding the "price"/"cost" of being a disciple, or the cost of discipling another...?

| Simple Bill of Sale | | | |
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| <i>Simple bill of Sale for Items of General Property</i> | | | |
| Name of Buyer | | | |
| Name of seller | | | |
| Date of Sale | | Place of Sale | |
| Items sold | | | |
| Details of items sold | | | |
| Price paid | \$ | Paid in Full | |
| <i>Items are sold as is. No warrants are tied to this sale</i> | | | |
| Signature of Buyer | Date | Signature of Seller | Date |
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| <i>This property now belongs to the buyer</i> | | | |
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Cost-Benefit analysis...

What does a disciple look like? / the marks of discipleship...what are we helping our disciples look like?

Consider externals, disciplines, "boxes", expectations...what are the REAL marks? What is Jesus looking for?...remember He called Peter and Paul and even Levi...

John 13:34,35 "...as I have loved..."

Could we create a checklist? A set of questions?

To DISCIPLE / to be DISCIPLED / DISCIPLINE

We discussed that being a disciple of Jesus was different than being a disciple of some other great teacher...being His involves His life in us, the leading of the Holy Spirit....

The Holy Spirit is highly connected with being His witnesses throughout the earth, with making disciples.

Both the Old Testament and the New connect the Holy Spirit with speaking, with witnessing:

Numbers 11:25; 24:2-3

Luke 1:15-16, 41-42, 67

2 Samuel 23:2

Acts 2:4; 4:8; 9:17-20; 13:9,10

2 Chron. 24:20

Neh. 9:40

Ezra 11:5

What are some of the costs? And are they really costs/sacrifices?

Out of comfort zone (might this really be a blessing and not a cost at all?)

Alter priorities

Sacrifice possessions

Risk reputation/relationship

Lose life

Time

Pleasures, plaudits, possessions, etc are enticing...part of our sensual, humanistic, materialistic culture...are we really "sacrificing"? paying a price? Maybe a different perspective is necessary here...

Discipleship is better than all of these things...our tastes begin to change not by trying harder, but by trusting Jesus to change our desires...

Multiplication..."be fruitful and multiply..." a call to all disciples just as it was the "call" given to Adam and Eve...

Interesting info re: multiplication/reproduction...

If a large church committed to bring 50,00 new believers into the kingdom in the next two years, they would have 50,000 after two years and one and a half million after 60 years.

If a small church of 30 members committed to each bring in one new member in the next two years and disciple that one to do the same, there would be 60 believers after two years, 120 after four years.....and 16 million after 60 years!

Invest in quality AND quantity....and work for duplication.