

Being a Disciple

Key Scriptures

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2 Timothy 2:1-2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Judeans who had believed him, "If you continue to follow my teaching, you are really my disciples³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Luke 9:23-24 Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Colossians 1:28-29 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

John 15:16-17 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.¹⁷ "These things I command you, that you love one another.

Key Point: Being a disciple of Jesus is the lifelong continued surrender to Him in every area of life.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What is something you are excited about in your life right now?

Start thinking: Questions to get your group thinking.

- In your opinion, what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and what is involved in making disciples?
- In our Key Scriptures, what are the chief elements that are a part of discipleship?
- What do you think Jesus was teaching the 12 disciples in Matt 10:1-20?
- In your group, come up with a list of 8-10 traits that are true about of mature disciples of Christ.

Start sharing: Questions to create openness.

- Where do you see God most at work in your life? What do you see as your next step(s) in your walk of faith, or areas that you need to give God full surrender?
- What is a big challenge you are facing right now?
- What fruit of the Spirit is most abundant in your life? What fruit of the Spirit is least abundant in your life? (Gal 5:22-23)
- What is stopping you from doing what you know God has called you to do?

Start doing:

- What are the next steps you need to take in your walk with God as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Who will you share this with who can help you by encouraging you or "holding your feet to the fire?"

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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