

Discipleship

- This study teaches the expectations Jesus has
- for anyone who wants to follow him.

What is a disciple? A learner or apprentice who follows a teacher, master or lord

- Example: Aristotle was a disciple of Plato; Christians are disciples of Jesus

Acts 11:25-26

- Which is the more popular term today: disciple or Christian?
 - The word “Christian” appears three times in the Bible; “disciple” more than 270 times
 - The two terms are interchangeable; identify same person

Jesus defines the term disciple throughout his ministry.

Matthew 28:18-20

- One of the last commands of Jesus
- What does Jesus want everyone to become? What does Jesus command everyone to make?
 - Go is an action word; go make disciples [Disciples>>>Disciples>>>Disciples, etc.]

Mark 1:14-18

- What does Jesus call these men to do?
 - Follow Him and be His disciples.
 - To be “fishers of men”
 - A new mission in life
 - Allow Jesus and others to teach us how to be fishers of men
 - Fishing takes persistence, patience, and passion.
- What was the response of these men?
 - Immediate followers; Discipleship is a radical new life; left behind careers and family

Luke 9:23-26

- Who does this Scripture apply to? “If anyone would come after me...” It’s the same commitment for all.
- What does it mean to “deny self”?
 - Jesus denied himself for the benefits of others
 - Decisions not based on your sinful desires and emotions
 - *In order to follow Jesus I must deny myself of _____. What will you have to deny yourself of?*
- Carry the cross daily: denying yourself and crucifying your sinful nature DAILY
- Verse 24: What two choices do we have in life?
 - Gain world ... forfeit soul – OR – lose your worldly life for Jesus ... save your soul.

Luke 14:25-33

- Verse 26: We must love Jesus much more than anyone, including ourselves.
 - Hate is a strong word
 - Jesus uses hyperbole (literary exaggeration) to illustrate a crucial discipleship principle.
 - Why do you think Jesus picked these people? (family members)
 - They have the most pull on our hearts.
 - He does not want them to damage our relationship with Him.
- Verses 28-30: Count the cost; do not make an emotional decision
- Verses 31-33: We are fighting a war against Jesus we will NOT win. Wise to surrender to Him.
- Verse 33: We must be willing to give up everything
- Key Point: **JESUS MUST BE THE LORD (MASTER, KING) OF OUR LIVES!**

John 13:34-35

- Being a disciple of Jesus means loving others like Jesus did. How did Jesus show his love for us?
- What affect will “loving like Jesus” have on others?

1 John 2:3-6

- In order to be a Christian (disciple), what must we do? Christianity is not simply a label or religion, it’s a lifestyle.
- Is Jesus the Lord (the master and king) of every area of your life? What area is not yet under his Lordship?
- If you want to be a Christian, you must become a true disciple of Jesus Christ (what it means to make Jesus Lord).