

Discipleship

Total
Commitment

The Call to Be a Disciple of Jesus

Matthew 28:18-20

- All authority has been given to Jesus – He is Lord of All.
- Jesus wants everyone to be a disciple and to be baptized.

Acts 11:19-26

- Disciples were the ones called “Christians”
- “Disciple” is used over 270 times in NT - “Christian” only 3 times.

Mark 1:14-20

- Jesus called people to repent and believe the good news.
- The calling of the first disciples:
 - o Follow him (1 John 2:6)
 - o Fish for men (a new purpose)
 - o They responded immediately
 - o They left everything - making him their Lord

The Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus

John 8:31-32

- More than just believing, holding to his word

John 13:34-35

- Committed to love the way Jesus loved

John 15:1-8

- Remaining faithful to him, bearing fruit

The Cost of Being a Disciple of Jesus

Luke 9:23-26

- Jesus is speaking to everyone who wants to follow him.
- Deny self in goals, dreams and moods (Matt. 26:36-39)
- Take up cross: willing to suffer as a result of following him.
- This is a daily decision.

Luke 11:1-4

- Disciples have a teachable, learner’s spirit.
- Prayer and a personal walk with God are essential.

Luke 14:25-33

- Jesus calls us to an unrivaled love for him
 - o What will compete with your love for Jesus?
- Jesus calls us to count the cost
 - o Go anywhere, do anything, give up everything (Luke 9:57-62)
 - o Persecution – not a matter of “if”, but “when” (2 Timothy 3:12)
- Jesus expects total surrender to his will
 - o Treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19-24)
 - o Everything a loss compared to Jesus (Philippians 3:7-8)

Philippians 2:9-11

- In the end, everyone will confess that Jesus is Lord
- Are you ready to make Jesus the Lord of your life now?

Before Next Time

Read John 12:24-26.

Write what decision this calls you to make about your relationship with Jesus.