

Third Study

Discipleship

Question: Have you been reading daily? How is that helping you grow spiritually?

Question: What is a disciple? Are there disciples of Jesus today? What would they look like?

A disciple is a follower

Acts 11:25-26 A disciple is a follower, a student, an imitator in a good way. The word “disciple(s)” occurs more than 270 times in the NT. The word Christian occurs only 3 times. Jesus’ call to us was to be disciples. In the Bible anyone who claimed to be a Christian was a disciple first.

Deny Yourself!

Lk 9:23-26 Self denial is the heart of discipleship. Are you willing? *What would that look like in your life?* There is gain through loss. *What does Jesus mean here?* How might one be ashamed of Jesus? Not wanting to pick up your cross!

A disciple is a fisherman

Mk. 1:14-20 Jesus’ mission on earth was to seek and to save what was lost (Lk 19:10) He calls us as disciples to do the same. *What is a fisher of men? How would that work in your life?* “fishing” takes practice, persistence and passion to get good at it! Let someone show you how.

Count the cost of discipleship

Lk 14: 25-27 Jesus expects us to be serious about this! *What does he mean here?*
28-33 count the cost of becoming a disciple, and not becoming one!
34 I have to make the right decision and stay with it. *What does that mean for you? What will your challenges be?*

No looking back

Lk 9:57-62 We can be full of excuses. Jesus sees right through them. He makes 3 important points here. Discipleship is not comfortable, convenient, or easy. It requires a full commitment from the heart, with no looking back.
What challenges you most about that?

Discipleship is obedience

Jn 14: 23-24 If we say we love Jesus, we will obey what he says.

Disciples make disciples

Mt 28:18-20 As we change and become disciples, we reach out to others, calling them to do the same. This was Jesus’ plan to seek and save the lost, teaching others to obey his word.

What is your plan to become a disciple?