

Make Disciples of All The Nations

Lesson 1
What Is A Disciple?

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1. What is a disciple?
2. Becoming and remaining His disciple
3. Living like Jesus

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Jesus Commands His Disciples To Make Disciples of All The Nations

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Introduction

- When we speak of God's people, they are described as individuals in a variety of ways
- Among these are saints, Christians and disciples
- Saints are those set aside for God's service, holy ones, called into His service by the gospel to exclusively serve God

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Introduction

- Christians are those who follow Christ even to the point of suffering for doing right according to God's will
- But the term disciple, probably the least used among these three terms, points most clearly to our close relationship with Christ based on our commitment, loyalty, love and submission to Him
- We seek to learn from Him in order to become like Him

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Introduction

- Often, we place emphasis on teaching about the church above Christ
- Many have almost disconnected the church with Christ, institutional idea
- Many Christians lack commitment and active love for Jesus
- But, Jesus commands His disciples to make disciples of all nations
- These are to be loving, obedient, loyal and imitate Jesus

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Meaning of Disciple

“A learner...indicating thought accompanied by endeavor...in contrast to a teacher; “hence, it denotes one who follows one’s teaching,” as the “disciples” of John,... A “disciple” was not only a pupil,...but an adherent, hence they are spoken of as imitators of their teacher...”

Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

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Meaning of Disciple

- Contrast this meaning with modern ideas of education
- Can learn without having connection to the teacher
- Can learn without imitating the character of the teacher
- But if we are Jesus’ disciples, we must learn in order to be like Him

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Meaning of Disciple

- Also, we cannot be members of Jesus’ church without being His disciples, learning to become like Him and teaching others to be His disciples
- We must be closely connected to Him through obedient faith growing out of a love for and loyalty to Jesus

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A Disciple Is A Learner

“To learn, (akin to disciple), to increase one’s knowledge, or be increased in knowledge, frequently to learn by enquiry or observation, said of learning Christ, not simply the doctrine of Christ but Christ himself, a process of merely not getting to know the person, but of so applying the knowledge as to walk differently than the rest of the Gentiles...” Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

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A Disciple Is A Learner

- We can only become disciples of Jesus by being taught the gospel, the apostles’ teaching
- This learning is not an empty academic exercise but is designed for us to act on so we may be brought into close relationship with Jesus and become like Him over time
- Today, the gospel is completely in written form in the New Testament revealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Joh 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Joh 6:45 "It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Mat 11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Luk 6:40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Joh 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

Joh 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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A Disciple Is A Learner

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

Follow, Follow After

“A follower or companion,...one going in the same way...”

Imitate, Imitator

“A mimic, an actor...follower...the verb is always used in exhortations, and always in the continuous tense suggesting a constant habit or practice.”

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

Mat 4:18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Mat 4:19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mat 4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

Mar 3:14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach,

Mar 3:15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

Eph 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

1Co 11:1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

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A Disciple Is A Follower And Imitator

1Co 4:16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.

1Co 4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

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A Disciple Is A Disciple Maker

- We seek to make others disciples of Jesus by teaching them the gospel
- We do not seek to make others members of an institution
- We do not seek to make others part of a religious party, sect
- We do not seek to make others members of a denomination, man-made organization

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A Disciple Is A Disciple Maker

2Ti 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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3. A disciple is a follower and imitator
4. A disciple is a disciple maker

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