

Call to Discipleship

(The Great Commission – not the great suggestion)

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." Amen.



I. Discipleship is the ministry - important.

1 reason people don't make it as Christians

II. How to be a disciple

A. Be committed (True Christians do more than claim the title)

Luke 14:25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My

disciple. 28 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it--

29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

31 "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 "Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

33 "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

B. Be fruitful (You will know them by their fruits)

John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

C. Be teachable (Put yourself in a position to be taught) (Luke 11:1)

1. Be committed to discipleship bible studies.

Matthew 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

III. How do you disciple others?

A. Be a disciple yourself

Luke 6:40 "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

B. Be an encourager

Acts 18:23 After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

C. Follow up

Acts 14:21-22 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

D. Teach (Acts 11:26/Mark 4:34)

Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples.

E. Give your life & time

What is a disciple? MATHÊTHÊS

1. A learner, accompanied by endeavoring to follow his precepts and instructions,
2. Be a disciple of one, taught or trained one.
3. Disciplined
4. One who continues in His word.

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

What is a discipleship?

1. To turn all people into fully devoted mature followers of Christ.
2. Spiritual Mentoring



Excuses for not being involved in discipleship	Reality
It is hard to monitor and follow up	So is my to do list, but I do it
It is inconvenient	Hanging on the Cross was inconvenient, but he loved us enough to do it
I am too busy	You are too busy doing things God has not called you to do
I need to do other things first, like make a living	# 1 excuse in America for not doing anything for God Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Goals:

1. For each person to be a fully committed disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ in doctrine and lifestyle.
2. To teach each person to have personal daily devotional time with the Lord in the word and prayer.
3. Develop scripture meditation & memorization as a way of life.
4. Help each person find personal victory in their daily life.
5. For each believer to participate in the great commission, duplicate themselves and disciple others.