

DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 28 ¹⁹Go 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, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

The New Testament calls those who have committed themselves to Jesus Christ disciples. Traditionally, the word disciple has been defined as "student" or "learner." However, our English word disciple comes from a Greek word (MATHETES), which is from the root word math and means "thought accompanied by endeavor." Therefore, the word disciple in the NT does not refer merely to a student or learner who goes to a teacher or classroom and sits down to listen and accumulate knowledge. ¹



The Main Question: Despite Jesus' command, are you content to stay at the believer level, or do you have a desire to live a purposeful life that impacts eternity through being a disciple?

Discipleship

1. Being a disciple
 - a. Find a more mature Christian to help me grow in the faith
2. Discipling a believer
 - a. Find a less mature Christian that I can help grow in their faith
3. Discipling an unbeliever
 - a. Getting an unbeliever to a point where they understand their need for Jesus Christ can be very difficult. This process is much different than discipling someone who wants to grow in their faith

The Basics

Jesus commanded his followers to disciple.

The gospel is spread in the most profound way through the making of disciples.

You can't disciple until you have been one.

You will get more out of discipling someone than you think you give.

Discipling is very personal. The foundation needs to be biblical, but after that, it can take many different forms depending upon the needs of the individuals involved.

Can discipling one person really impact the kingdom of Jesus Christ in a profound way?

Next Week: *The Apprentice*

¹ - http://www.journeyseries.com/discipleship_sample_lesson.htm