

What is a Disciple

Part 2 of the *Disciple* series

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The goal of the church is to make disciples who make disciples.

While the word “Christian” is used only 3 times in the New Testament, the word “disciple” is used 297 times.

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22 ESV

A disciple is someone who is...

- Following Jesus

In order to follow Jesus I need to...

- Know Jesus (Luke 4:38, 5:3)
- Trust Jesus (Luke 9:23-24)
- Submit to Jesus

You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:14 NIV

Jesus invitation to follow Him is an offer to be in relationship with Him and it's an offer that extends to everyone.

- Being changed by Jesus

He is changing us to be like Him.

God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son.

Romans 8:29 NLT

The evidence of change is more love for God and more love for people. (Acts 4:13)

- Committed to the mission of Jesus.

The church was not designed to be a group of spectators who attend weekly lectures; it was designed to be a trained army with a powerful message. Jim Putman

Next Steps

Memorize Matthew 4:19. As you reflect on this verse, ask Jesus to help you live it out.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- What first attracted you to Jesus?
- Reflect on your life as a disciple. When it comes to each of the three parts of what a disciple is, reflect on whether you're hot or cold in each of the 3 areas.
- What are you avoiding doing that needs to be done in order to be following Jesus more completely?
- What are some ways you can spend time with Jesus this week?
- How has Jesus been calling you to engage in His mission to go & make disciples? If He hasn't, begin to ask Him what He'd like for you to do?