

Discipleship

Introduction: Matthew 28:18-20

- A. What does Jesus want everybody to become?
- B. Which is the more popular term -“Disciple” or “Christian?” The word “Christian” only appears three times in the New Testament. It is the name those in the world gave the disciples, seven years after the church began. **(Acts 11:19-26)** The word “Disciple” occurs over 270 times in the New Testament.
- C. SAVED = CHRISTIAN = DISCIPLE
- D. Jesus came to make disciples. Only baptized disciples will be saved.

Let's have Jesus define disciple, thus defining who is a true Christian.

1. Mark 1:14-18

- A. Calling of the first disciples
- B. Come follow me (Christ)
- C. Fishers of men – Jesus gave these first disciples the real purpose for living
- D. Immediately

2. Luke 9:23-26

- A. If any man...
- B. Deny self. Notice Christ in the garden (**Matthew 26:36-39**, “Not my will, but your will.”) Do not give in to moods.
- C. Carry the cross – daily
- D. Gain world ... forfeit soul. Lose your life for Jesus ... save it

3. Luke 14:25-33

- A. If any man...
- B. Count the cost (v. 28-30)
- C. Consider the alternatives (v. 31-32)
- D. Love Christ more than any person (v. 26)
- E. Persecutions (v. 27)
- F. Everything, not just anything (v. 33)

4. Luke 11:1-4

- A. Must learn to pray – disciples saw the strength Jesus received from the Father
- B. Daily personal relationship with God (v. 3); daily prayer

5. John 13:34-35

- A. Love one another
- B. Be an active part of the fellowship

6. Matthew 28:18-20

- A. Command – make disciples (given to all)
- B. Who is a candidate for baptism? A person who makes the decision to be a disciple
- C. You need someone to disciple you to maturity in Christ
- D. This is the only way to save the world!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Disciple</u>
1	365	2
2	730	4
3	1095	8
13	4745	8192
32	11,680	the world, 5 billion plus

Conclusion Question: Am I a disciple? Am I a Christian? Am I saved? What do I need to do to become a disciple?