



Are you a Disciple?

John 1:35-51

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John 1:35-42 NIV

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS.

When you follow Jesus, it's no longer about your agenda.

Matthew 16:24-26

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

DISCIPLES BRING OTHERS TO JESUS.

It's half of the job description. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Application: What's your next step in following Jesus? Trusting him as savior? Baptism? Getting in a LG? Serving? Giving? Bringing a friend?

LifeGroup Study Guide

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Discipleship in Jesus' day:

Tradesmen had disciples; they were learners of the trade. Greek artists and philosophers had disciples; they were learners. Musicians and artisans had disciples; they learned the arts. Pharisees and Sadducees had disciples, they learned the law. All of these learned from their masters (Teachers, Rabbis) and followed them in order to become like them.

Most would apply to be taught by a Rabbi. If accepted by the Rabbi, they would become a disciple and were expected to learn, memorize, mimic, and become like the Rabbi (adherents). Sometimes, disciples lived with the Rabbi. Eventually, he was called the "disciple of the wise," which meant he was fully trained and now had his own disciples.

Jesus did not have applicants. He attracted, sought out, and called His disciples to Himself. He still expected them to learn, memorize, mimic, obey (follow) and eventually be fully trained (Luke 6:40) and then make disciples themselves (Matt 28:18-20). Disciples were all at different stages; some new and some fully trained, but all disciples. They became disciples at the point of faith in Christ.

The term disciple is not mentioned after Acts. It is replaced with other terms: believer, saint, servant, friend, brother, sister, etc. Why is this significant?

Habits

Why did John's disciples become Jesus' disciples? 1:23-27; 35-37
What are the obvious things disciples do according to this whole passage?
What is significant about Jesus changing Peter's name? His view of us?

What do we learn about being a disciple from the following?

Path of a disciple Matt 4:19; 8:23; 19:21; John 21:19; 1 Cor 11:1;
Cost of a disciple Matt 10:24-42; 16:24-26
Work of a disciple Matt 4:19; Matt 28: 18-20
Goal of a disciple Luke 6:40; 1 John 2:28-3:3:1 Thess 1:16;
2 Cor 3:18; Eph 4:11-16; Rom 8:29; 12:1-2

Discuss:

"Growing as a disciple is not merely information or behavioral modification. It is transformation."

Encourage each other: what changes of Christ-likeness do see in other LifeGroup members.

Prayer

Who is on your prayer list and invitation list to bring to Jesus?