

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? Who's Your One? - Part 1 of 5

KEY QUESTION: When you strip everything away, what is at the CORE of who we are and what we do and where are we going as a church?

KEY OBSERVATION: The term the first followers of Jesus used to describe themselves was a DISCIPLE of Jesus.

"18 As Jesus was walking beside the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who's called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea for they were fisherman. 19 'Follow me,' he told them, 'And I will make you fishers of me.' 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there he saw two brothers, James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee, their father, preparing their nets, and Jesus called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and they followed him." Matthew 4:18-22

"28 When Jesus had finished saying these things the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority." Matthew 7:28-29

"Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, healing every disease and sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23

"This is My Son, whom I love; with him I'm well pleased." Matthew 3:17

TRUTHS ABOUT BEING A DISCIPLE

#1: Jesus doesn't choose the best. He chooses the WILLING.

"I tell you the truth: among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than he. Yet the one who is least in My kingdom is greater than John the Baptist." Matthew 11:11

- **Key Question:** How AVAILABLE are you?

#2: God CHOSE us. We did not choose Him.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name." John 15:16

"...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6b

"Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4

"...I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day." 2 Timothy 1:12

"If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13

"What I have said, I will bring about. What I have planned, that will I do." Isaiah 46:11b

#3: Our primary call is to FOLLOW and to be with Him.

- **Key Observation:** Our call is not to DO something, it is to become like Him and to do that, we have to KNOW Him.

#4: To follow Him, we have to allow Him to be the RULER of our life.

"Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

#5: He commands us to REPRODUCE spiritually.

"'Come follow me,' Jesus said, 'I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:10

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:8

“Go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.” Matthew 28:19

- The core of what we do is the one verb He gave us, which is to **MAKE DISCIPLES**.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10

- His plan is not some-thing, it is **SOMEONE**. It’s **YOU!**

YOUR PRACTICAL STEP BEGINS TODAY: Identify your **ONE**.