

Study Guide: Disciples Have Evidence

Opening Declaration

This is my Bible. This is the Word of God.
This word is my foundation, my strength, my truth.
I don't just read it, I live it.
I don't just hear it, I obey it.
I am not just a believer, I am a disciple.
I'm being formed into the image of Jesus by this Word.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 28:19 (AMP) – “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words].”
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) – “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) – “We... can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him.”
- John 12:32 (NLT) – “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”
- Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT) – The fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Matthew 7:20 (NLT) – “Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.”

Main Teaching Points

1. The Great Commission Starts with You

- Jesus commands us to make disciples by helping people learn of Him, believe in Him, and obey His Word.
- Before making disciples, we must become disciples ourselves.
- You cannot lead someone to a place you have never been.

2. Disciples Reflect Jesus

- Becoming a disciple means transformation — the old is gone, the new has come.
- As you learn, trust, and obey, your life begins to look, sound, and feel like Jesus.
- People around you should notice the change: “You're not the same person you used to be.”

3. Evidence of a Disciple

- The Fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of discipleship.
- A true disciple is led by the Spirit, not by emotions or desires.
- Evidence is not in words alone but in how we live, love, and treat others.

Fruit of the Spirit Check

1. Love – John 13:35. Do people experience God's love through you?
2. Joy – Philippians 4:4. Do you live with joy even in hardship?
3. Peace – Matthew 5:9. Do you bring peace or tension into a room?
4. Patience – Ephesians 4:2. Do you show patience when people fall short?
5. Kindness – Ephesians 4:32. Do your words uplift or tear down?
6. Goodness – Romans 12:21. Do your actions reflect Christ even unseen?
7. Faithfulness – Matthew 25:23. Are you consistent, steady, reliable?
8. Gentleness – Proverbs 15:1. Do your words defuse anger or ignite it?
9. Self-Control – Galatians 5:25. Do you let the Spirit guide your habits, emotions, and desires?

Reflection & Discussion

- Am I producing fruit that reflects Christ—or is something missing?
- In what areas do I need pruning so I can grow stronger in the Spirit?
- How is my lifestyle drawing people to Jesus instead of to myself?

Application

- Personal: Identify one fruit of the Spirit you need to grow in this week. Pray for strength.
- Community: Ask someone close to you where they see evidence of Jesus in your life.
- Action: Choose one practical step (forgiveness, encouragement, patience, etc.) to display Christ this week.

Closing Declaration

I am not just a believer, I am a disciple.
My life will bear fruit that proves Jesus is alive in me.
When people see me, they will see Jesus.
When people hear me, they will hear His Word.
Wherever I go, the light of Christ will shine through me.
My life will bring glory to God!