

# Study Guide: Disciples Reflect Jesus

## Declaration

This Is My Bible

- This is my Bible.
- This is the Word of God.
- I am who it says I am.
- I can be who it says I can be.
- I can do what it says I can do.
- This Word is my foundation, strength, and 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 am being formed by this Word, not just informed by it.

Key Verses:

- Luke 6:40 – Disciples become like their teacher.
- 1 John 2:6 – Walk as Jesus walked.
- Ephesians 5:2 – Love like Jesus loved.

## The Great Co-Mission

Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus commands us to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach obedience.

- This is not just the “Great Commission,” but the Family Mission.
- You cannot make disciples if you are not one yourself.

Key Points:

- You cannot teach what you don't live.
- You cannot pour out what you haven't received.
- Salvation is receiving His gift; discipleship is submitting to His authority.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important that discipleship begins with making Jesus Lord?
2. How do you see the difference between salvation and discipleship in your own life?

## Disciples Reflect Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

Those who believe can now see and reflect the glory of the Lord, being changed into His image.

What Reflection Means:

- The Spirit transforms us from the inside out.
- Like a mirror, our lives reflect what we are facing.
- If turned toward self — people only see us.
- If turned toward Christ — people see Him.

Application Question:

When people look at your life, do they see more of you or more of Jesus?

## 1. Disciples Reflect Their Teacher

Luke 6:40 – A fully trained student becomes like the teacher.

- Training comes through the Word and Spirit.
- Discipleship is not self-improvement but transformation.
- Religion reflects effort; discipleship reflects Jesus.

Key Scriptures:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 – New creation in Christ.
- Galatians 2:20 – Christ lives in me.

Discussion Questions:

1. What's the difference between religion and discipleship?
2. In what ways do you find yourself striving in self-effort rather than relying on the Spirit?

## 2. Disciples Reflect Jesus' Character

1 John 2:6 – Live as Jesus lived.

Ephesians 5:1–2 – Follow Christ's example of love.

Colossians 3:12–13 – Clothe yourself in compassion, kindness, humility, patience, forgiveness.

Practical Reflection:

- When someone is hurting, do they feel compassion from me?
- When offended, do I extend forgiveness?
- When others are overlooked, do I show kindness?
- When people leave me, are they encouraged or discouraged?

Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5): Evidence of reflection – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Application Activity:

Write down which “fruit” is most visible in your life, and which one you want to grow.

## Reflection vs. Perfection

- The goal is not perfection but reflection.
- Transformation is ongoing (Philippians 3:12).
- Testimony is more powerful than pretending perfection (Revelation 12:11).

Discussion Question:

How does being transparent about your testimony reflect Jesus more than pretending to be perfect?

## Closing Declaration

- I am not just a believer, I am a disciple.
- I am not called to reflect me, I am called to reflect Jesus.
- Day by day, I am being transformed into His image.
- When people see me, they will see Him.
- Because Christ lives in me, His light shines through me.

## **Call to Response**

- Salvation – Make Jesus Lord.
- Baptism – Go public with faith.
- Discipleship – Move from believer to disciple.
- Prayer – Surrender areas still reflecting self.

## **Group Discussion Wrap-Up**

1. Which part of your life most needs to reflect Jesus right now?
2. What practical step will you take this week to turn your “mirror” toward Christ?
3. How can this group help you grow deeper as a disciple?