

# Discipleship Looks Like a Tree – Study Guide

## Overview

This study explores the idea that discipleship is not just a process of learning but a way of living—rooted, growing, and bearing fruit—like a tree. Drawing from Psalm 1, James 1 & 3, and Mark 7, we'll examine the marks of a true disciple: purity, obedience, wisdom, good deeds, and a heart close to God.

## Scripture Focus: Psalm 1

Key Themes: Separation, Delight, Fruitfulness, Judgment, and God's Guidance

1. What is the blessing of not following the crowd (v.1)?
2. What does it mean to delight in the law of the Lord (v.2)?
3. What does the image of a tree teach us about stability and fruitfulness (v.3)?
4. How are the wicked described (v.4-5)?
5. What is the promise to the godly (v.6)?

## Scripture Focus: James 1

Key Themes: Anger, Obedience, Wisdom, True Religion

1. What does James say about listening vs speaking (v.19-20)?
2. What is the implanted word and how does it save (v.21)?
3. What happens if we only hear the Word but don't do it (v.22-25)?
4. How do our words reflect our true faith (v.26)?
5. What is pure and genuine religion (v.27)?

Scripture Focus: James 3:17-18

Key Themes: Wisdom, Purity, Peace, Sincerity

1. List the characteristics of wisdom from above.
2. How does this kind of wisdom relate to how we disciple others?
3. What are we promised when we plant seeds of peace?

Scripture Focus: Mark 7:6-8

Key Themes: Authentic Worship, Human Tradition, Heart Alignment

1. What does Jesus say about people who only honor God with their lips?
2. How can we ensure our hearts are aligned with God's commands?

3. What does it look like to let go of human traditions in favor of God's truth?

### Reflection Questions

- Are my roots planted deep in God's Word or shallow in convenience?
- What kind of fruit is growing in my life?
- Am I only hearing the Word or truly doing what it says?
- Is my worship lip-service or heart-led?
- Do I walk in wisdom, peace, and sincerity with others?

### Key Takeaways

- Discipleship is a lifestyle, not just a lesson.
- True disciples are rooted in the Word, bear fruit, and live wisely.
- Godly wisdom produces peace and purity.
- Real religion is seen in action—caring for others and staying set apart.