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**Series:** Be a Disciple

**Title:** You are a Disciple

**Scripture:** Luke 9:21-26

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**Knowledge is useless unless we use it.**

Discipleship is representing Christ to others through our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

We have a call to action to make disciples. How do we move from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?

**1. Discipleship is not an \_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 9:23-25 ESV**

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

*“The gospel’s call for “we” never excludes “me.”” — Jimmy Carroll*

**2. Discipleship is a \_\_\_\_\_**

**Luke 9:23 ESV**

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**Philippians 1:6 ESV**

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

### 3. Discipleship is rooted in a \_\_\_\_\_.

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*“Your old way of having an identity, of gaining a sense of self, has got to end. In a sense you have to die to it. And [Jesus] can give you a whole new identity. You’ll get a whole new true self... Discipleship is not just a matter of bending your will to Jesus’ will; it’s melting your heart into a whole new shape. A disciple is not someone who simply sets a new priority; a disciple finds a new identity.” — Tim Keller-*

<https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/resources/the-call-to-discipleship/>

#### Luke 9:22-23 ESV

22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**Following Jesus is not Jesus taking something from your life but losing your life so you can find real life.**

**A new identity is only found when you experience and see a greater love to go after.**

**Jesus says, follow me, as you follow me, represent me to others in your words and actions.**

**Will this cost you? Yes, it will cost you your life, but it will give you the life that you so desperately desire.**

**Follow Jesus and he will give you what you need - This is how you move from being to doing. You see following Jesus isn't an option, it's a journey, but you know you have a new identity...**

**You \_\_\_\_\_ a disciple so \_\_\_\_\_ a disciple**