



A disciple is someone who follows the teaching of another. Have you ever wondered what the Bible says about becoming Jesus' disciple? In the Gospel of John, Jesus himself has something to say about this, and that is what we are going to explore today.

Background on John's Gospel:

John Chapter 8 overview:

1. (v.30) Jesus' disciples...

2. (v.31) Jesus' disciples...

3. (v.32) Jesus' disciples...

Four practical ways to experience and engage the truth:

1. Continue to ...

2. Continue to ...

3. Continue to ...

4. Continue to ...

REMEMBER: As Jesus' disciples, we begin with belief in who He is and what He has done. We continue to study the literal word of God, aka **The Bible**. As we experience Him through time spent together, we know the truth and are recipients of His eternal freedom.

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of this week's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.

1. Do you or someone you know doubt the truthfulness and accuracy of the Bible? Why is that? Beginning to know and trust God's word is a process that occurs over time; what has that journey been like for you? What tools have you discovered along the way that can help your group? Will what you heard today help you share your faith? If so, how? If not, why not?

2. Belief is defined as faith, trust or confidence in someone or something. What do you personally do to build your faith, trust, and confidence in Jesus? How would you encourage a brother or sister in Christ who is having difficulty in this area? Like the mixed crowd in the temple court, Jesus addresses you because He cares for you. What is the primary way you hear from Jesus? Personal study? Sermons? Prayer times? Something else? Share with your group.

3. How do you define truth? How are you being influenced by the cultural understanding of truth? How can we share truth with those who believe that truth is based on subjective individual experience? How does knowing the truth impact your daily life? Give personal examples.

4. In today's message, we heard Joe say that his relationship with Jesus has impacted his relationships with his wife and children, and that it gives him strength for today and hope for eternity. How has your relationship with Jesus changed the way you relate to others? Can you summarize what your relationship with Jesus means to you?