

Luke 9:23-24 More Than a Label: What is a Disciple!
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If being a Christian is becoming a disciple, then what makes a Disciple?

Some Misconceptions about Discipleship:

Misconception #1: Discipleship is all about increasing our Biblical knowledge.

Misconception #2: Discipleship happens only in a church building.

Misconception #3: Discipleship is optional for a Christian.

Misconception #4: Discipleship's goal is to show me the rules to be a better Christian.

Then He said to [them] all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24 NKJV)

Jesus is defining "Disciple".

Why Are You Here?

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is [the Sea] of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up [His] eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. (John 6:1-6 NKJV)

The main reason the crowds were showing up was because of the spectacle.

From that [time] many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. (John 6:66 NKJV)

Jesus wants you to define your relationship with him. Why are you here? Because why?

When we deny ourselves, we give up all **my rights** and relinquish all control of **my life** to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV)

Most religions and most popular ministries are focused on catering to self.

"I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NKJV)

Jesus is calling us to make a total commitment

He is calling us to die to ourselves. He is calling us to commit to a specific lifestyle,

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the [life] which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 NKJV)

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So, What Is Discipleship?

And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; (Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV)

God put people in the church to help other's become disciples of Jesus.

Truths about Discipleship.

Discipleship is all about increasing our knowledge of God.

Discipleship can take place anywhere at anytime.

Discipleship is not optional for a Christian.

Discipleship's goal is to teach you how to be like Jesus.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to be] conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29 NKJV)

The first step to discipleship is to step out and follow Jesus.