

EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP

AN ORIGINAL CREW SERIES

PART 2 - WHO CAN BE A DISCIPLE?

BIG IDEA

ANYONE CAN FOLLOW JESUS, BUT FOLLOWING HIM REQUIRES US TO REORDER OUR LIVES AND PRIORITIES—AND THERE'S A COST TO IT.

OPENING PRAYER & INTRODUCTION

BEGIN YOUR TIME TOGETHER BY INVITING GOD'S PRESENCE AND ASKING HIM TO GUIDE YOUR DISCUSSION AND REVEAL AREAS WHERE HE WANTS TO WORK IN EACH PERSON'S LIFE.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. *ANYONE CAN FOLLOW JESUS, BUT TRUE DISCIPLESHIP REQUIRES REORDERING OUR LIVES AND PRIORITIES*
2. *DISCIPLESHIP BEGINS WITH A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, NOT JUST PERFORMING RELIGIOUS DUTIES*
3. *BEING A DISCIPLE REQUIRES UNWAVERING ALLEGIANCE TO CHRIST—THERE ARE NO "FREE AGENTS" IN GOD'S KINGDOM*
4. *OBEDIENCE IS ESSENTIAL: "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS"*
5. *FOLLOWING JESUS WILL COST SOMETHING, POTENTIALLY CAUSING DIVISION EVEN WITHIN FAMILIES, BUT HE MUST BE FIRST*
6. *DISCIPLES MUST BE WILLING TO LET GO OF FORMER IDENTITIES, SECURITIES, AND ANYTHING THAT HINDERS FOLLOWING CHRIST*
7. *THE GOAL OF DISCIPLESHIP IS TO BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS—"A STUDENT WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER"*
8. *WE MUST SURRENDER OUR PLANS TO GOD'S PLANS, MAKING JESUS THE CENTER RATHER THAN AN ACCESSORY*
9. *WHAT WE BEHOLD AND WORSHIP DETERMINES WHAT WE BECOME*

KEY SCRIPTURE

1. **JOHN 1:35-38** - JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DISCIPLES FOLLOWING JESUS; JESUS ASKING "WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?"
2. **JOHN 8:31-32** - "IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"
3. **JOHN 6** (GENERAL REFERENCE) - PETER'S RESPONSE ABOUT WHERE ELSE THEY WOULD GO; JESUS HAS WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE
4. **JOHN 14:15** - "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."
5. **MATTHEW 4** (GENERAL REFERENCE) - JESUS CALLING THE FISHERMEN DISCIPLES; "I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"
6. **MATTHEW 10** (GENERAL REFERENCE) - JESUS SAYING HE CAME NOT TO BRING PEACE BUT A SWORD; TURNING FAMILY MEMBERS AGAINST EACH OTHER
7. **MATTHEW 5** (GENERAL REFERENCE) - "IF YOUR RIGHT HAND OFFEND YOU, CUT IT OFF"
8. **LUKE 6** (GENERAL REFERENCE) - "A STUDENT IS NOT ABOVE THE TEACHER, BUT EVERYONE, WHEN HE HAS BEEN FULLY TRAINED, WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER"
9. **PROVERBS 16:9** - "IN THEIR HEARTS, HUMANS PLAN THEIR COURSE, BUT IT IS THE LORD WHO ESTABLISHES THEIR STEPS"

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GROUP DISCUSSION

THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHRISTIAN AND A DISCIPLE IN YOUR OWN WORDS? FOLLOW-UP: HOW DOES THIS DISTINCTION CHALLENGE OR ENCOURAGE YOU?
2. THE SERMON EMPHASIZED THAT JESUS ASKS, "WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?" BEFORE INVITING PEOPLE TO FOLLOW HIM. WHY IS CHECKING OUR MOTIVATIONS SO IMPORTANT? WHAT ARE SOME WRONG MOTIVATIONS PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE FOR FOLLOWING JESUS? WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO WANT JESUS MORE THAN WHAT HE CAN GIVE US?
3. READ JOHN 1:35-38. THE DISCIPLES WANTED TO KNOW WHERE JESUS WAS STAYING, AND HE INVITED THEM TO "COME AND SEE." WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT THE NATURE OF DISCIPLESHIP?

THE COST OF FOLLOWING

1. WHICH "COST" OF DISCIPLESHIP IS MOST REAL FOR YOU RIGHT NOW?
 - A. ALLEGIANCE (CHOOSING JESUS OVER COMPETING LOYALTIES)
 - B. OBEDIENCE (DOING WHAT HE SAYS EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD)
 - C. RELATIONSHIPS (POTENTIAL DIVISION WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS)
 - D. PERSONAL SACRIFICE (LETTING GO OF DREAMS, IDENTITY, OR SECURITY)
2. JESUS SAID HE CAME TO BRING A SWORD, NOT PEACE (MATTHEW 10:34-37). SHARE A TIME WHEN FOLLOWING JESUS CREATED TENSION IN A RELATIONSHIP. HOW DID YOU NAVIGATE THAT?
3. THE TEACHING MENTIONED THE DISCIPLES LEAVING THEIR NETS—NOT JUST THE CATCH, BUT THE NETS THEMSELVES. WHAT "NETS" (SOURCES OF IDENTITY, SECURITY, OR PROVISION) IS GOD ASKING YOU TO LEAVE BEHIND?

BECOMING LIKE JESUS

1. WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GROWTH THAT LOOKS LIKE JESUS LATELY?
 - A. IN YOUR CHARACTER, ATTITUDES, OR ACTIONS?
 - B. IN HOW YOU RESPOND TO DIFFICULT SITUATIONS?
 - C. IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS OR PRIORITIES?
2. THE TEACHING STATED, "WE BECOME WHAT WE BEHOLD." WHAT OR WHO ARE YOU BEHOLDING MOST RIGHT NOW? HOW IS IT SHAPING YOU?
3. PAUL SAID, "IMITATE ME AS I IMITATE CHRIST" (1 CORINTHIANS 11:1). WHO IN YOUR LIFE MODELS FOLLOWING JESUS WELL? WHAT SPECIFIC QUALITIES DO YOU SEE IN THEM THAT YOU WANT TO DEVELOP?
4. JESUS INVITED THE DISCIPLES TO "COME AND SEE" RATHER THAN GIVING THEM A SALES PITCH. HOW CAN WE CREATE "COME AND SEE" MOMENTS FOR OTHERS?