

What is Biblical Discipleship?

Welcome to the Dish on Discipleship podcast, where we teach, "Follow me until you see, Jesus. This is a podcast where we teach people how to be more like Christ, as we Study the Bible, Serve others, and Share our faith...Together.

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Discipleship is simply the process of allowing the Holy Spirit to shape you as you strive to become more like Christ by taking on His attitude and behaviors, and then sharing with others how this process is changing you.

There are five separate parts of that definition. Do you have to follow all of them to be a disciple of Christ? And all five parts of that definition of discipleship need to be in place to develop into a fully devoted follower of Christ.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is vital to our goal of becoming more like Christ. The second part of John 15:5 says ... "For apart from me you can do nothing." Becoming more like Christ is not about will power, because that will eventually fail. It is about relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about leaning on the power of God.

Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:6, that the Holy Spirit gives birth to our spiritual life. So for us to grow spiritually and become more like Jesus Christ, then we need God's power to make that transformation.

Paul said in Romans 2:29, and I paraphrase, that a changed heart is produced by the Holy Spirit. And when we get this changed heart, we care more about what God thinks about us than what men think.

Romans 8:11, that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead, and a few verses later the Apostle Paul says that same power from the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to fight our sinful nature, which again brings us closer to becoming like Jesus.

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