





Discipleship: A Life Centered Around Others



Acts 2:36–47

[36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

[37] Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

[38] And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of...



...Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” [40] And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” [41] So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.



[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (ESV)





1st Truth - Making of Disciples

- 1) God saves and then gifts the Holy Spirit v 37-39**
- 2) A covenant community is created v 42-46**
- 3) The Lord adds to their number v 47**



Oxford defines a “disciple” as:

A person who follows or attends upon another in order to learn from him or her; a pupil; a follower.



Disciples in Acts 2: 42-47:

- 1. Devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching**
- 2. Devoted to the fellowship of believers**



Love one another (John 13:34)	Greet one another (Romans 16:16)	Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Eph 5:19)	Exhort one another (Hebrews 3:13)
Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)	Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)	Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)	Stir up [provoke, stimulate] one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)
Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)	Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)	Consider others better than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)	Show hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)	Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)	Look to the interests of one another (Philippians 2:4)	Employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of one another (1 Peter 4:10)
Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)	Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)	Bear with one another (Colossians 3:13)	Clothe yourselves with humility towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)
Be likeminded towards one another (Romans 15:5)	Be patient with one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)	Teach one another (Colossians 3:16)	Confess your faults to one another (James 5:16)
Accept one another (Romans 15:7)	Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)	Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)	Pray for one another (James 5:16)
Admonish one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)	Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)	Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)	



Disciples in Acts 2: 42-47:

1. Devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching
2. Devoted to the fellowship of believers
3. Devoted to breaking of bread
4. Devoted to prayers
5. Awestruck by the signs and wonders of God
6. Gathered together and held things in common
7. Sold their possessions to distribute, as any had need
8. Day by day attended temple
9. Day by day broke bread together



“This life therefore is not righteousness,
but growth in righteousness,
not health, but healing,
not being but becoming,
not rest but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be,
but we are growing toward it,
the process is not yet finished, but it is going on,
this is not the end, but it is the road.

All does not yet gleam in glory,
but all is being purified.”

- Martin Luther



Practical Next Steps:

1. **ASAP – invite other believers to start sharing meals with you and your family.**
 - a) **If you do Step 1, have an actual agenda. Practice Ritualized Friendship [Hospitality].**
 - i. **Ask, “Do you have any needs?”**
 - ii. **Discuss your needs.**
2. **Eliminate one repeating calendar item and replace it with time spent with other believers.**
3. **Determine one way to praise God and be generous in these interactions**



2nd Truth -

Those who go it alone do not create Disciples, often end up hurting others, and have a high likelihood of ceasing to be a Disciple.

This is true because the Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. **God is a relational being. Father-Son-Holy Spirit. He created man to be in relationship to Him. In the book of Mathew, Jesus himself directly commanded us to “love your neighbors as yourself”. It is impossible to love yourself from a distance. Thus, you’re not making disciples alone.**



A Life Centered Around Others

- The First “other” being Christ**
- The Second being your Neighbors (Believers and Non-Believers)**