Personal Discipleship

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"Biblical discipleship always leads to evangelism; biblical evangelism always leads to discipleship."

Discipleship - "is the process of being built up in obedience to Christ, to the point that you begin making disciples; then, teaching those disciples to obey Christ, to the point that they begin making disciples."

Giving **Yourself** over to the **teachings** of Jesus.

Mark 8:34-35 ESV

34Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. 35If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

John 8:31-32 ESV

31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Going and making <u>disciples</u> through <u>evangelism</u>.

*Romans 1:16 ESV *

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...

Growing <u>disciples</u> in <u>obedience</u> to Christ.

Colossians 3:16-17 ESV

16Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

John 13:34-35 ESV

34So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Jesus is the personification of love.

Discipleship is <u>personal</u> and it is <u>commanded</u> by Jesus.