

The Revolutionary Disciple (Week 1)

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“Revolutionary”

Definition of revolution-revolutionary — a sudden, radical, or complete change:

- a fundamental change in political organization; especially the overthrow or renunciation of one government or ruler and the substitution of another by the governed.
- activity or movement designed to effect fundamental changes in the socioeconomic situation.
- a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something: a change of paradigm.

Definition of revolutionary:

1. Bringing about or supporting a political or social revolution.
2. Marked by or resulting in radical change.

Key Scriptures:

- **Matthew 4:19** — *“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*
- **Matthew 28:18–20** — *“Go and make disciples...”*
- **Acts 2:42** — *The early church devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.*
- **Philippians 2:1–11** — *Jesus is our model of humility.*

1. Why We Return to the Basics.

- Every year, the church revisits its mission and identity.
- Like a team learning the same playbook, the church must share the same language and definition of discipleship. If we are called to make disciples, we must know what a disciple is.

2. What Is a Disciple?

- Jesus defines discipleship in **Matthew 4:19** *“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

A DISCIPLE is:

- **Following Jesus:** Jesus leads. We surrender to Him as Lord and King.
- **Being Changed by Jesus:** Jesus takes us as we are, but He does not leave us as we are.
- **Committed to the Mission of Jesus:** Disciples make disciples.

Discipleship is not optional for Christians. In Scripture, Christians are disciples, and disciples are called to make disciples.

3. Christians Are Disciples.

- Some say, *“I’m just a Christian, not a disciple.”*
- But in **Acts**, believers were called **disciples**. Later, outsiders called them **Christians** because their lives centered on Christ. A Christian **IS** a disciple of Jesus.

4. Discipleship Happens in Relationship.

- Jesus made disciples by inviting people to be with Him.
- Discipleship is not just information. It is a relational process of learning, obeying, growing, and being sent.

5. God's Design and the Five Spheres.

- Discipleship restores every area of life toward God's design.
- The five spheres from **Ephesians** are:
 1. **Christ** — abiding relationship with Jesus.
 2. **Church** — life in the body of Christ.
 3. **Home** — marriage, parenting, family.
 4. **Work/World** — vocation and witness.
 5. **Spiritual Realm** — spiritual battle and dependence on God.

6. Pride Kills Discipleship.

Pride says: *"I won't follow Jesus. I won't let Jesus change me. I won't join His mission. I want salvation, but not obedience. I want Jesus to bless my life, not lead my life."*

- Pride resists God's authority and keeps us from His design.

7. Humility Makes Discipleship Possible.

- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Humility says: *"Jesus is Lord. I need to be changed. I need God's Word. I need the Holy Spirit. I need God's people. I will obey because I love Him."*

8. Jesus Is the Ultimate Revolutionary Disciple.

- Jesus is the perfect example of humility, obedience, service, and love.
- **Philippians 2** shows that Jesus humbled Himself and gave His life for us.
- We are called to:
 - **Follow** like Jesus; **Serve** like Jesus; **Love** like Jesus; **Obey** like Jesus.

Reflection Questions

1. Does my definition of disciple match Jesus' definition?
2. Am I following Jesus or asking Him to follow me?
3. Where is Jesus trying to change me?
4. Am I committed to His mission?
5. Where is pride resisting discipleship in my life?
6. What step can I take this week to become a more faithful disciple?

Closing Thought

A revolutionary disciple humbly follows Jesus, is changed by Jesus, and joins the mission of Jesus.