

Making Disciples The Big If...

IF you have love for one another

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. John 13:34

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, IF you have love for one another.”

John 13:35

IF you are rooted in God’s word

He said, “IF you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8

IF you deny your SELF

“IF anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

Luke 9:23-24

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of

knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ”

Philippians 3:7–8:

IF your put Jesus first

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “IF anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:25-26

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4:23

IF you’re willing to take up our own cross

“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27

²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Matthew 16:25-26

Questions for reflection and study

1. What is it that makes one a disciple?
2. Do we truly love one another as commanded by Jesus? What does that love look like?
3. How long do we spend each day in the word of God, not just a quick devotional but studying the word... what are good resources to help us get rooted in the word.
4. The next three are quite connected reflect or discuss on how these shape us in our walk with God.