

Discipleship Must Be a Priority



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- **Review – Understanding Discipleship (Matt. 28:18-20)**
- **Purpose: “to present every man complete in Christ.”**
- **Goal: that each individual member would grow to maturity in Christlikeness.**

- **Lesson #1 – Understanding Discipleship**
- **It is possible to function as a Christian with being busy, but not grow and mature.**
- **True discipleship cannot be done apart from the local church.**
- **Discipleship: “The developmental process of the local church that progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity. (Dr. Evans)**
- **The word disciple means “learner, student.”**
- A. **In order to become a disciple, you must have the right information and the right skills.**
- B. **Discipleship is a process.**
- C. **Discipleship is a progressive movement toward maturity.**

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- **Priority: putting or doing something in the right time, order, or level or importance.**

- 1. **The thing we must know is how important discipleship or the priority of discipleship is to us.**
- A. **The priority of action (v. 57-58).**
- B. **A priority of immediacy (v. 59-60).**
- 1) **It was Jesus who invited the man to follow Him.**
- 2) **The man had divided attention.**
- C. **A priority of not looking back (v. 61-62).**
- 1) **This man offered himself to Jesus.**
- 2) **The man had a double allegiance.**

3) Jesus says anybody that looks back after starting out on the path of discipleship is not fit for His kingdom.

2. The cost of discipleship (Luke 14:25-33).

A. The cost of relationship (v. 25-26).

- The word “hate” means “love less.”

B. The cost of suffering (Luke 14:27).

C. The cost of giving up your claims (v. 28-32).

1) A man who wants to build a tower, first sits down to think about the project and counts the cost.

2) The second parable concerned two kings at war.

3) The point of the two parables is clear.

3. The reward of discipleship (Mark 10:28-31).

A. The reward of being blessed in this life; however, you must first forsake all.

B. The reward of persecution.

C. The reward of eternal life.