

Understanding Discipleship



Matthew 28:18-20

- It is God's will that we become like His "Dear Son."
- Purpose: "to present every man complete in Christ" (Col. 1:28).
- Goal: that each individual Christian believer would grow to maturity in Christlikeness.
- Spiritual principles: Obedience and Agreement

- Objectives: to teach

1. Understanding Discipleship
2. Discipleship Must be a Priority
3. The Necessities of Discipleship
4. Understanding Worship
5. Understanding Fellowship
6. Understanding the Importance of the Word of God

- Statements:

1. It is possible to function as a Christian with being busy, but not grow and mature.
 2. True discipleship cannot be done apart from the local church.
 3. The mission of the church is stated clearly in this verse (19), "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."
 4. If it is His mandate for the church to make disciples, then His will for us as believers is that we could become His disciples.
 5. To become a disciple of Christ means that we become like Him (Matt. 10:25).
 6. Being a disciple of Christ is a lot different than just going to church once or twice a week.
 7. The thing that brings the most glory to God is not our activity but becoming His disciples.
- Discipleship: "the developmental process of the local church that progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they are then able to reproduce the process with someone else." (Dr. Tony Evans)
 - The word "disciple" means "learner and student."

○ **In Order to Become a Disciple:**

- 1. In order to become a disciple, you must have the right information and the right skills.**
 - A. Since a disciple is a student, one aspect of discipleship is information or knowledge.**
 - B. Knowledge alone does not make you a disciple.**

- 2. We must understand that discipleship is a process.**
 - A. There is no timetable.**
 - B. To become a disciple is a process (Matt. 11:28-30).**
 - C. There is a different level.**
 - **Rest in the Bible means the enjoyment of God's provision.**

- 3. Discipleship is a progressive movement toward maturity (1 Cor. 3:1).**
 - A. A newborn Christian who dives into the Word and the things of God can arrive at spiritual maturity faster than a person who has been saved for five years.**
 - B. Where are you (1 Cor. 2:14 – 3:3)?**

- 4. God has created a specific environment in which discipleship is to occur.**
 - A. The nature of the church.**
 - B. The nurture of the church.**

- 5. To become a disciple there must be a transferable process.**
 - A. We must become God's imitators (1 Cor. 11:1).**
 - B. We must teach others (2 Tim. 2:1-2).**