

Discipleship

Mark 12:28-34

- A. The greatest commandment is to love God with all you have
- B. The second is to love each other and those who aren't Christians – defines the heart of discipleship
- C. When we understand these as the greatest commands, the kingdom of God isn't far from us (v. 34)

Matthew 28:18-20

- A. What does Jesus want everybody to become?
- B. Which is the more popular term-disciple or Christian?
- C. The word "Christian" only appears three times in the New Testament. It was the name those in the world gave the disciples (**Acts 11:19-26**), seven years after the church began.
- D. The word "Disciple" occurs over 270 times in the New Testament. Jesus defines the term disciple throughout his ministry.
- E. Jesus came to make disciples. Only disciples will be saved. He told his disciples to go make other disciples; that is his will. He did not tell them to go and make "believers," "good people," "church-goers" or "Christians," but disciples.
- F. Saved = Christian = Disciple

Mark 1:14-18

- A. Calling of the first disciples
- B. Come follow me (Christ).
- C. "...make you fishers of men"-Jesus gave these first disciples the real purpose for living.
- D. Immediately

Luke 9:23-26

- A. If any man...
- B. Deny self. Notice Christ in the garden (**Matthew 26:36-39**, "Not my will, but your will.") Don't give in to moods.
- C. Carry the cross-daily.
- D. Gain world ... forfeit soul. Lose your life for Jesus ... save it.

Luke 14:25-33

- A. If any man...
- B. Count the cost (vv. 28-30).
- C. Consider the alternatives (vv. 31-32).
- D. Love Christ more than any person (v. 26).
- E. Persecutions (v. 27)
- F. Everything, not just anything (v. 33)

Luke 11:1-4

- A. Must learn to pray-disciples saw the strength Jesus received from the Father.
- B. Daily personal relationship with God (v. 3).

John 13:34-35

- A. Love one another.
- B. Be an active part of the fellowship.

Matthew 28:18-20

- A. Command-make disciples (given to all).
- B. Who is a candidate for baptism? Disciples.
- C. You need someone to disciple you to maturity in Christ.
- D. This is the only way to save the world!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Discipler</u>
1	365	2
2	730	4
3	1095	8
13	4,745	8,192
32	11,680	the world, 5 billion plus

The effects of Discipleship: Acts 2:41; 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1; 6:7; 9:31; 9:42; 11:21; 11:24; 11:26; 12:24; 13:49; 14:1; 14:21; 16:5; 17:4; 17:12; 18:8; 18:10; 19:10; 19:18-20; 19:26; 21:20

- This is normal of God's church
- There never was foreign missions to Jesus, only world evangelism
- Discipleship is the only way to reach the world

Conclusion Questions:

- A. Am I a disciple?
- B. Am I a Christian?
- C. Am I saved?
- D. What do I need to do to become a disciple?

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