

Discipleship

Matthew 28:18-20

What does Jesus want everybody to become?

If Jesus wants everyone to be a disciple, it's pretty important that we understand what a disciple is!

Acts 11:19-26

A disciple is not a more committed Christian; a disciple *is* a Christian.

The word "Disciple" occurs over 270 times in the New Testament; "Christian" appears only 3 times.

Mark 1:14-18

Jesus calls disciples to a true purpose:

Be fishers of men

Follow him

Their response was immediate

Luke 9:23-26

Addressed to all ("If any man...")

Deny self. Notice Christ in the garden (Matthew 26:36-39, "Not my will, but your will.") Do not give in to moods, selfish ambitions, selfish goals, etc.

Die to self *daily* ("Take up his cross daily")

What have you got to lose?

Luke 14:25-33

Again, "If any man..."

Count the cost (v. 28-30)

Consider the alternatives (v. 31-32)

Love Christ more than any person (v. 26)

Persecutions (v. 27)

Everything, not just anything (v. 33)

Luke 11:1-4

Disciples have a student's heart; "Disciple" literally means "student."

Daily personal relationship with God (v. 3); daily prayer

John 13:34-35

Love one another

Love intentionally (1 Jn.3:18 "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth")

Conclusion

Am I a disciple? Am I a Christian? What must I do to become one?