

Christ's Call to Discipleship

I. Commentary

Disciple: (μαθητης)

- **Acts 11:27** - Every Christian is a _____.
- A true disciple will _____ in God's Word (**John 8:31**)
- II Timothy 2:15 – A true disciple will take seriously the command to _____ the Word of God.
- **John 13:35** – A disciple is easily identified by others because he _____ all other disciples.
- **Mark 3:14** – A disciple is someone who wants to be _____ Christ that he might learn from Him for the purpose of _____ Him (**John 15:3-8**).
- **Matthew 10:25** – One of the main goals is _____ _____ Master.
 - Romans 8:29 – To be conformed to His image.
 - II Corinthians 3:18 – To be changed into His image.
 - Ephesians 5:1 – To be imitators of Him.
 - Philippians 2:5 – To have His mind.
- **Matthew 12:49-50** – A true disciple is _____ to Jesus Christ and is committed to doing God's _____.

II. Character of the Call of Christ

1. **The First Call** (Initial): This is an introduction to the person of Christ and His _____ (**John 1:29**). In the judgment, there will be no one with a legitimate _____ (**Romans 1:20; 2:8-9; Matthew 7:21-22**).
2. **The Formal Call**: A call to become a _____, a _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - John 1:12 -- John 3:16, 18, 36
 - Romans 10:9-13 -- Ephesians 2:8-9
3. **The Final Call**: Christ's Call to Disciples: _____ (Matthew 4:19-20; Matthew 28:19-20).

Matthew 28:19-20 has been called the *Magna Charta of the church*. It is not **go ye**, since it is an aorist participle and should be translated – **Having gone, make disciples**, or **Going, or As you go, Make Disciples**. That Great Commission is MAKE DISCIPLES, which is the expectation for every true believer. The reason I am stressing this is because many see the Great Commission as: **GO MAKE CONVERTS**.

II Timothy is an important discipleship verse: *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*. This is the _____ goal of discipleship.

Some of the themes we will be working with are:

- Salvation and Assurance of Salvation
- Eternal Security -- The Word of God -- God's Will
- Temptation -- The Local Church -- Prayer
- Faith -- The Quiet Time -- Worship

III. Candidates That Fizzle Out (Luke 14)

- Luke 14:26 – A lack of _____.
- Luke 14:27 – A lack of _____ (**Mark 1:17**).
- Luke 14:28-31 – A lack of leaving something behind (Cost).

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple (Luke 14:33).

Note: Every believer has the indwelling Holy Spirit of God and therefore has the potential to be able to disciple someone.

In John 6 – Four keys why many Christians fizzle out.

1. _____ mentality (6:2).
2. _____ Christ performed (Curiosity).
3. _____ They were provided with food.
4. _____ They walked with Him no more (6:66).

IV. Character of Those Who are Called

1. _____ (John 15:5).
2. Salvation (Matthew 7:21-22)
3. He must have a _____ spirit (II Timothy 2:2).
4. He must be _____.
5. He must have a _____ for God (I Thess. 1:3, 8-10).
6. Doing _____ must be priority in his life.
7. A _____ outlook.
8. He must be _____ (John 15:1-8; I Cor. 4:2).
9. He needs to be a spiritual _____ (I Thess. 2:7).
10. He must move forward by _____.
11. He must have a love for other disciples (John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:3-4).

V. Concluding Thoughts

1. Our task is to _____ the ministry Christ started.
2. The degree of our success is dependent on the amount of time spent with the Lord.