

No Middle Ground

Matthew 28:18-20

While every Disciple is a Believer, NOT every Believer is a Disciple.

Anything Short of Discipleship for the Christian is Settling for LESS than what God desires...there is NO MIDDLE GROUND!

Four Bible Passages that Explain what it Means to truly be a Disciple of Jesus & What it is we're Called to Make.

1. DISCIPLES TAKE UP THEIR CROSS & FOLLOW JESUS.

- Being a disciple takes Work & Commitment. (Luke 9:23-25)
- 1.) YOUR Desires take a BACKSEAT to HIS Desires for your life.
- 2.) You TAKE UP your Cross DAILY.
- 3.) You LOSE Yourself to SAVE Yourself. (Galatians 2:20)
- A Surrendered Life holds the KEY to a Fulfilling Walk.

2. DISCIPLES COUNT THE COST

- Disciples will give up Everything to follow Jesus. (Luke 14:25-33)
- 1.) Do you Love Jesus MORE than anyone or anything else in your life?
- 2.) Do you Love Jesus & desire His will for your life Over your own will?
- 3.) Are you willing to accept ridicule & sacrifice for the cause of Christ?
- 4.) Will you Commit to following Jesus, even when it's Not Popular or Self-Serving?

3. DISCIPLES ABIDE IN CHRIST

- Four Primary Characteristics of Growing Disciples (John 15:1-17)
- 1.) A Disciple STAYS CLOSE To His Master (vv.4-5)
- 2.) A Disciple is also FRUITFUL (vv.6,16)
- 3.) A Disciple also OBEYS His Master (v.10)
- 4.) A Disciple LOVES OTHERS (v.11)
- If you Prioritize your life as Jesus laid out "your JOY will BE FULL."

4. DISCIPLES ALSO WALK AS JESUS WALKED

- Disciples Pattern their Lives after Jesus. (1 John 2:3-6)
- "Walking" Implies a steady motion... One Foot in Front of the Other.
- Practically speaking, HOW do you WALK as Jesus Walked?
- 1.) Make Time for God & His Word EVERY single day.
- 2.) Spend Time in Prayer with the Lord all Throughout the day.
- 3.) Take Time to be with God's People.
- One the GREATEST Identifying Marks of a disciple is that his or her Walk Resembles the Master's walk.
- LORD'S SUPPER