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**Disciple: What it Means to Follow Jesus**

**The Great Commission: Part 1**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**Jesus never called us to be “converts” to Christianity but rather to become “disciples” of Christ.”**

**The word “Christian” is used only three times in the New Testament while the word “disciple” is used almost 300 times!**

**We have cheapened the Christian faith to the point that we believe we can be saved and go to heaven without being a disciple of Jesus. The Bible nowhere teaches that.**

**Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20**

**Jesus’ plan was simple.**

**Disciples making Disciples!**

**What is a disciple?**

**A disciple is someone who is willing to give up everything, do anything, and go anywhere for the sake of the Gospel.**

**Do you remember when Jesus called His first disciples?**

**Do you remember Jesus conversation with**

**the Rich Young Ruler?**

**A Disciple is someone who believes in Jesus!**

**“Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” Mark 1:15**

**“But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12**

**“Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved…” Acts 16:31**

**A Disciple belongs to Jesus’ family!**

**Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family…and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (LB)**

**The way we identify that we are part of “God’s household” is through baptism.**

**A Disciple becomes like Jesus!**

**“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him…should become like His Son.” Romans 8:28 (LB)**

**“God wants us to grow up…like Christ in everything…” Ephesians 4:15 (Msg)**

**If we are going to be disciples, we must…**

* **Go**
* **Lead people to Jesus**
* **Baptize them**
* **Teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded**
* **Repeat the process**

**Are you a disciple making disciples?**

**Have you trusted Jesus with your life?**

**Have you been baptized?**

**Are you living in obedience to all Jesus commanded?**

**Are you making disciples?**