

FROM BELIEVER TO DISCIPLE: SESSION #1

Part 1: What are we trying to accomplish with this study?

- Re-Evaluating what Guides most of your life (Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Going deeper with your Faith Life (The Continuum of Faith)

Matthew 28: ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

****Questions:** What has been your understanding of discipleship? Where do you think you fit along the continuum (Non-Believer, Believer, Follower, Disciple)? Are you committed to going deeper? What has brought you here tonight?

Part 2: Discipleship in the Scriptures

Typical Jewish Education/Discipleship Under a Rabbi

Luke 6: 13-16

Simon Peter

Andrew

James

John

Philip

Bartholomew (Nathanael)

Matthew (Levi)

Thomas

James, son of Alphaeus

Simon, the Zealot

Jesus, son of James

Judas Iscariot

****Questions:** In what ways is it helpful to learn about the lives of these men? How do you think they felt as they followed Jesus and then later as they faced persecution for their Faith? How do you feel about your journey following Jesus at this point in your life?

Part 3: The Calling Extends beyond these 12 men

- Discipleship is not just for a select few, it is for all who are converted to Faith in Christ!

-To carry out this task we will need to be growing in Faith and growing in our relationship with Jesus – establishing a connection with Him that is firmer by the day – because He is the source of life that will allow us to accept and fulfill this incredible calling! (see John 15:5)

Part 4: What is Discipleship?

- Disciple comes from the Latin *discipulus* meaning “student, learner or follower”
- One who is growing as a Christian in every aspect of their lives

****Questions:** What are the primary ways that you are learning about Christ at this time in your life? What are some of the things you are learning? List some additional ways that you might further learn about Christ?

An Impact for You and for Others!

****Questions:** take a few minutes and develop a mental map of all the people that you encounter each day – that would be impacted by you as you seek to follow Christ? How big is that list?

A Spiritual Journey

-It is a spiritual journey and as such it is intended to reflect the work of the Holy Spirit in your life (Galatians 5: 22)

Galatians 5:²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

****Questions:** What do you think of this list of fruit? Is there anything missing from this list? What might your life look like if you were exhibiting these fruits more consistently? What are some of the biggest changes you think you would see?

Homework: Create a personal definition for discipleship and write it down. Be prepared to share next week!

Resources

Tim Wiebe. *What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus? A Clear, Biblical Picture of Discipleship.*

Richard J. Foster. *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth.*

Michael Frost. *The Road to Missional: Journey to the Center of the Church.*