

Lesson 6: THE KINGDOM DISCIPLE

OBJECTIVE: To Identify what is necessary to be a true disciple of Jesus in everyday living through a consistent lifestyle

REVIEW OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MT. SINAI DISCIPLE

M – Must Obey God’s Laws – Disciples must obey God's voice – Deut 30:20

S – Serve God – Disciples use their spiritual gifts in service – I Peter 4:10

M – Meet Other’s Needs – Disciples are to show compassion to people and their needs – Luke 10:

B – Bear Fruit – Disciples are to be productive in God's Kingdom – John 15:3

C – Create New Disciples – Disciples have the responsibility to disciple someone in their faith – Matthew 28: 19

INTRODUCTION

There is a need for Christian Disciples. Just like there is a shortage of airplane pilots there is a shortage of Christian Disciples. The kingdom is in need of persons following after Jesus whose lives are being changed due their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Understanding What It Means to Be a Disciple

Disciples are people who surrender their lives to Jesus:

1. It Costs to be a Disciple – Mark 8:34-36

- Must be willing to take up a cross. The cross symbolizes death, which means the Disciple must be willing to die to self.
- The Key to Discipleship is learning to give yourself over to God fully.

APPLICATION: What does it look like when a person fully gives their life over to Jesus? Give some practical examples:

2. Requires Being A Slave to Christ – Ephesians 6:6

- Disciples have the responsibility to be a learner of Jesus Christ
- Read **Matthew 10:24 – 25**

Characteristics of an **MSMBC DISCIPLE**

APPLICATION: Describe what a Disciple looks like.

3. The Goal for Disciples is conforming and being transformed into the image of Christ – **Romans 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:17-18**

The Disciple's behavior should reflect the character, conduct, attitudes and actions.

LESSON: Disciples Making Disciples

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: Matthew 28:19-20

Step One: Go

If the church is to make disciples, we must follow the original plan in Matthew 28:19: "As you go make disciples."

In other words, Jesus expects us to be going. This means the church should be actively engaged in the ministry of evangelism. In order to make a Disciple, we must challenge people to repent of their sins. In order to do that, Disciples must go to people.

We must ask ourselves, "Is evangelism at the forefront and center of the life of the church???"

Does the absence of evangelism prove that there is a lack of work and power of the Holy Spirit?

If the church is to disciple, the body must be encouraged to equip members to share their faith with unbelievers.

Step Two: Help People Identify with Christ

One problem in Christianity is that people struggle in their lives because they have not surrendered and do not understand how to identify with their life in Christ.

A Disciple is a citizen in the kingdom, Col 1:13:

1. How does a father struggling with manhood, identify with Christ?
2. How does a single mother who is struggling with her children, identify with Christ?
3. How does a new Christian identify with Christ?

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Step Three: Teach People Biblical Truth

The Great Commission says we must teach, "to observe all that I commanded you."
(Matthew 28:20)

When we teach, the goal is to help people apply the knowledge of the scripture to their daily lives.

Disciple-making is a spiritual process. In essence, we are engaging people to be spiritual and how to apply God's Word.

CONCLUSIONS

Being A Disciple Is Putting God First

Read: Matthew 6:33

Disciples put God first in our:

1. Thoughts
2. Hopes
3. Decisions
4. How you spend your time
5. How you view the world around you

Read: John 8:32

The goal of us being disciples of Jesus is to get God's perspective on all areas of our lives. The key is to research the truth of God's word and what it says to specific areas of your life.