

## **One Lord** ***Discipleship***

OPENING QUESTION: What does it mean to be a Christian?...Let's find out how the Bible defines it:

### **Acts 11:19-26**

How does the Bible define the term Christian? (Christian = Disciple of Jesus)

How many times do you think the word Christian appears in the Bible? (3)

How many times do you think the word Disciple appears in the Bible? (Almost 300)

Since the term "Christian" only appears in the Bible three times, the better term to study out would be "Disciple". So, let's examine each of the gospels to see what Jesus says it means to be his disciple.

### **Mark 1:16-20**            *Beginning of Discipleship*

What would you say is your mission in life currently?

What was these fishermen's mission in life before they met Jesus? (To catch fish)

What was their mission to become after deciding to follow Jesus? (To catch men)

How quickly did they respond to Jesus? What nets do you need to leave behind?

### **Mark 8:34-38**            *Challenge of Discipleship*

What's the distinction between just being one of the crowd and being a disciple?

What does it mean to deny yourself? What do you personally need to deny to follow Jesus? How often do we need to carry our cross? (**Luke 9:23** – daily)

What do you gain by giving up everything for the gospel and for Jesus?

### **Luke 14:25-33**            *Cost of Discipleship*

Why would Jesus want you to count the cost in following Him?

What are the costs of (not) following him? What costs are we to consider?

1. Loving Him more than anyone or anything
2. Personal devotion to Jesus (no one can do it for you — "own cross")
3. Honest self-evaluation ("able to finish")
4. Complete surrender of your life (Jesus is now King)

### **John 8:31-32**            *Standard of Discipleship*

What standard do disciples live by?

In order to become a disciple, what needs to be combined with faith?

What is the process of being "set free"?

**John 13:34-35**      *Relationships of Discipleship*

What kind of relationships does Jesus command His disciples to have?

Do you have friendships with disciples that extend beyond church services?

How should we define our love for one another?

How is this important to our mission?

**Matthew 28:18-20**      *Commission of Discipleship*

What does Jesus want everyone to become?

How will this be accomplished? By every disciple being committed to:

1. Go and make disciples of all nations
2. Baptize them
3. Teach them to obey everything he commanded (including the command just given to go make disciples!)

Is this similar to a verse we looked at earlier?

(“fishers of men” – Jesus starts and ends his ministry with the same basic idea: a disciple should be a disciple-maker.)

**Personal Decisions:**

Are you currently living as a disciple of Jesus?

If no, what do you need to change to become a disciple?

Will you commit to following Jesus daily and helping others to do so as well?