

Follow Me

What Does It Mean To Be A Disciple?

Matthew 4:18-22

“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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Matthew 28:19–20)

What is a Disciple?

- A _____
- A _____
- A _____ learner and follower

“In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120)” (Acts 1:15)

What Does It Mean To Follow Jesus?

1. Radical _____ for the glory of Christ
- The Costs: We are to be willing to _____
_____ all things

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

(Matthew 13:44–46)

“And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (Matthew 19:23–30)

- The Contrast:

- Western Christianity tends to be radically _____

- Biblical Disciple- Making is radically _____

2. Radical _____ on the grace of Christ

- He takes the initiative to _____

- He provides the power to _____

- He gets the glory _____

Prayer: “Lord make me a trophy of your grace.”

3. Radical _____ in the authority of Christ

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

- He is the master of every _____ in our lives
- He is the Lord of every _____ in our lives

4. Radical _____ to the mission of Christ

- The _____ plan of Jesus
- The _____ response of the disciples
- The _____ questions for the church:
 - Will we obey His plan?
 - Will we follow Him so that we can say to others, “Follow me as I follow Christ”?

Will We Follow Christ?

1. Consider the costs of **Discipleship**

2. Consider the costs of **Non-Discipleship**

- For us
- For our community and nation
- For our world

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Pray: “Christ Jesus, I want to follow you with all that involves and I want you to make me a fisher of men.”
- Become a follower of Jesus Christ by turning from my sin and trusting in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior (Become a Christian)
- Follow Christ in obedience by publicly declaring my faith in Christ as my Lord and Savior by being baptized
- Follow Christ’s leadership by moving from being an attender to a member of the First Baptist Family
- Other:
