

Making Disciples, Part I

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In Matthew 10:24-42, Jesus gives six unavoidable realities of following Him.

Questions for Children

Ages 2–5

Who is Jesus?

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

Did Jesus say following Him is always easy?

Why should we love Jesus more than anything else?

What are some ways we can obey Jesus at home?

Why should we not be afraid when people are mean to us for loving Jesus?

Who takes care of us even when we are scared?

What did Jesus say about the birds and how God cares for them?

How can we be kind and loving like Jesus?

Can you pray and thank Jesus for loving you?

Ages 6–9

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Why did Jesus say a disciple becomes like his teacher?

Why did people hate and reject Jesus?

Should Christians expect everyone to like them?

What does it mean to fear God more than people?

What are some situations where it can be hard to stand for Jesus?

Why should Christians tell others the truth about Jesus?

What does “take up your cross” mean?

What are some things we may have to give up to follow Jesus faithfully?

How does knowing Jesus died for us help us follow Him courageously?

Why is Jesus worth more than popularity, toys, sports, or comfort?

How can our family help each other follow Christ faithfully?

Ages 10–12

Why do many people misunderstand the true cost of following Christ?

How does [Matthew 10](#) show that discipleship involves suffering?

What does it mean to identify with Christ in both His character and His suffering?

Why is the fear of man such a danger for Christians?

How does fearing God help believers remain faithful?

What does Jesus mean when He says we should proclaim truth “from the housetops”?

Why does the gospel often offend unbelievers?

What are some subtle ways people deny Christ today?

Why can following Jesus create tension even within families?

What does daily self-denial look like for someone your age?

Which historical example from the sermon encouraged you most and why?

Why is Jesus worthy of your total commitment and allegiance?

How does the resurrection of Jesus give believers courage?

What would it look like for you to follow Christ boldly with your friends?

Teenagers

Why do you think modern Christianity sometimes minimizes the cost of discipleship?

What stood out most to you from Jesus' teaching in [Matthew 10:24-42](#)?

Why is suffering for Christ a normal part of the Christian life?

How can Christians remain bold without becoming harsh or arrogant?

In what ways are teenagers especially tempted to fear people more than God?

What pressures at school, online, or socially make it difficult to stand for Christ?

What are practical ways someone your age can publicly confess Christ?

What relationships, ambitions, or comforts can become idols that compete with devotion to Christ?

What does "losing your life for Christ's sake" practically look like today?

Why is Jesus' approval more important than acceptance from friends or culture?

How can Christians prepare themselves spiritually before persecution or hostility comes?

What examples of faithful Christians throughout history challenge or encourage you?

How does the gospel motivate sacrificial obedience instead of mere guilt-driven obedience?

Do you personally believe Jesus is worth everything? Why or why not?

What is one concrete way you can follow Christ more faithfully this week?