



MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, JUNE 27

## Disciples Are Followers

**Matthew 4:18-22** *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

**Matthew 8:23-26** *And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. 24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. 25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. 26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*

**Matthew 16:24** *Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me*

- **A disciple is one who is \_\_\_\_\_ than just a Christian.**
- In other words, their life is more than just \_\_\_\_\_ salvation, **salvation has them.**
- The dictionary defines a disciple as “a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher.”
- The first truth I want us to see about being a disciple is this one; **disciples are \_\_\_\_\_!**
- Just because someone trusts Christ and becomes a Christian does not \_\_\_\_\_ make them a “Christ follower.”

**Matthew 8:19-20** *And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*

- The best description of being a Christ follower is to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

## 1. Disciples are followers on a \_\_\_\_\_ path.

**Matthew 4:18-19** *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me**, and **I will make** you fishers of men.*

- The following of Christ was not just about a \_\_\_\_\_ (follow me) it was about changing them and making them \_\_\_\_\_ (I will make you).
- **The reason we follow his direction is so that he will make us \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

**Ezekiel 36:26** *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

**Ephesian 2:10** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

**Colossians 3:8-10** *But now ye also **put off all these**; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man** with his deeds; 10 And have **put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

**Ephesians 4:22-24** *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

- We will not be willing to follow his direction and unless we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ him to **make us different**.
- Remember that discipleship, unlike salvation, has \_\_\_\_\_ requirements.

**Luke 9:23** *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

**Luke 14:27** *And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

- A Christian on a different path follows God with all his heart so that he may be a \_\_\_\_\_ to this lost world of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## 2. Disciples are followers without \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 4:20-22** *And they **straightway left their nets**, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

- They did not hesitate...
  - In \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Once they were \_\_\_\_\_, they were willing to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why do we have enough faith to trust what he says about **getting to** \_\_\_\_\_, but not enough faith to trust what he says about **living on** \_\_\_\_\_.