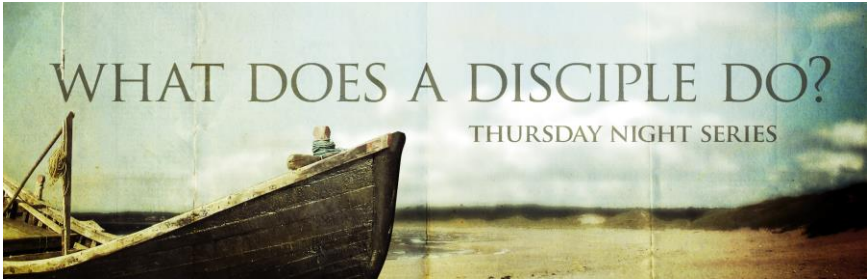


## LESSON #10



### Disciples Step Up Pt. 8

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

- **Our Step #1 is Loving God.** (2 components to it)
  - Salvation and baptism.
  - Devotion.

#### 1. Start with Salvation

#### 2. Grow through Devotion

- **Our Step #2 is Loving Others.** (2 components to it)
  - Adult Bible Classes.
  - Church membership.

#### 3. Connection to others

#### 4. Commitment to the Church

- a. *Joining a church is a commitment to it.*
- b. *Joining church is a first step to greater involvement.*
- c. *Becoming a member brings responsibility, not just privilege.*
- d. *Being a member of church is more than just coming Sunday morning.*
- e. *Church membership and attendance should be a conviction, not a convenience.*
- f. *Let's commit to coming to church prepared.*
- f. *Let's know what type of church we are*

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

g. *Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our church*

**Ephesians 5:25 & 29** Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;** <sup>29</sup>For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

- There are 4 things we will do if we love our church
  - **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ it.**
  - **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ in it.**
  - **We will want to \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**
  - **We will \_\_\_\_\_ for it.**
- **Our Step #3 is Serving God.** (2 components to it)

- Discipleship.
- Giving.

## 5. Personal \_\_\_\_\_

- Growth means something:

- **Deeper** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Decisive** \_\_\_\_\_.

*a. That starts with the personal \_\_\_\_\_ to be a disciple.*

**Matt. 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**.

**Luke 14:33** So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsaketh** not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

- Jesus asked for commitment.

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jesus set forth requirements.

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

*b. Understand that growth as a disciple comes in \_\_\_\_\_.*

- There are two areas that we will need to take steps.

▪ **The Steps of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Pet. 1:3-8** According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

▪ **The Steps of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Rom. 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

**Psa. 1:1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

○ There will be some difficulties as we change.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ will fight you.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ will fight you.
- And \_\_\_\_\_ is fighting you.

*c. Start by going through our personal discipleship \_\_\_\_\_.*

*d. Continue by \_\_\_\_\_ in your faith.*

*e. Get \_\_\_\_\_ with the church programs.*