

Go and Make Disciples – Study Questions

Part One: Being Jesus' Disciple

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All _____ in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore _____ and make _____ of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and _____ them to _____ everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:18–20 NIV).

1) What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

A) Being a disciple of Jesus means _____ to Him alone.

(1) Jesus faithfully preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God, and He eagerly _____ all who believed. However, when large _____ began to follow Him, He turned to them and urged them to consider what they were doing:

(a) “And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him _____ himself and take up his _____ and _____ me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it’” (Mark 8:34–35).

(b) “Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to me and does not _____ his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own _____ and come after me cannot be my disciple. So therefore, any one of you who does not _____ all that he has cannot be my disciple’” (Luke 14:25–27, 33).

(2) This shows us that being Jesus' disciple is _____ from being someone else's disciple. Being a disciple of Christ involves:

(a) A _____. Are we willing to love God more than anyone else?

(b) A _____. Are we willing to give up being our own master?

(c) A _____. Are we willing to do whatever it takes to be Jesus' disciple?

B) Being a disciple of Jesus means _____ Him.

(1) The word “disciple” (*mathētēs*) means “learner, pupil, follower.” Being a disciple means entering into a _____ with the one you are following. You commit to _____ them, _____ from them, and _____ them.

(2) When we're saved, we enter into a _____ - _____ relationship with Jesus. Baptism is our first act of _____ and a public _____ that we have decided to become a follower of Christ. Our calling as Jesus' disciple is to follow Him, learn from Him, and obey Him.

(3) A modern equivalent to the master-disciple relationship is the _____ - _____ relationship.

C) Being a disciple of Jesus means _____ Him and those who follow His _____.

(1) While the word “disciple” is used in the Gospels and Acts, the word “_____” (*mimétés*) is used throughout the rest of the NT.¹ This word expresses the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus—being _____ Him (cf. Luke 6:40).

(a) “Therefore be _____ of God, as beloved children” (Eph 5:1).

(b) “Be _____ of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Cor 11:1).

(c) “Brothers, join in _____ me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the _____ you have in us” (Phil 3:17).

(d) “For you yourselves know how you ought to _____ us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an _____ to _____” (2 Thess 3:7–9).

(e) “You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became _____ of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an _____ to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia” (1 Thess 1:5b–7).

(f) “And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but _____ of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb 6:12).

(g) “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and _____ their faith” (Heb 13:7).

D) Being a disciple of Jesus means _____ others in how to follow Him.

(1) _____. The true goal of disciple-making is Christian _____. Discipleship is about _____ formation, and that takes _____ and _____.

(2) _____. Jesus said, “Make disciples..._____ them to observe all I have commanded you” (Matt 28:19–20). People won't know how to follow Christ if we don't teach them (Acts 18:11; cf. 2 Tim 1:13).

¹ Michael J. Wilkins, “Imitate, Imitators,” Anchor Bible Dictionary, citing W. Michaelis, s.v. “mimomai,” TDNT 4 (1967): 673.

(3) _____. Sound teaching is essential to discipleship, but our personal example is the _____ on which disciple-making is built. Paul taught his new converts to follow Christ, and then he _____ them how to be disciples by the _____ he lived before them. If we aren't living a life that can be imitated by others, our efforts to make disciples will _____.

(4) _____. Paul told the Corinthians, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1). Once we've taught others how to follow Christ and showed them by example, we must urge them to take _____ and _____ it themselves. Once they put into practice what they've learned, we can _____ them and help them grow.

E) Being a disciple of Jesus means _____ others to follow Him.

(1) "The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ' _____ me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, ' _____ and see.'" (John 1:43-46).

(2) "Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the _____ with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the _____ every day with those who happened to be there" (Acts 17:16-17).

(3) "I have become _____ things to all people, that by all means I might _____ some" (1 Cor 9:22b).

F) In conclusion, being a disciple of Jesus means we must:

(1) _____. We must die to ourselves, dedicate ourselves to Christ, and live committed to Him each day.

(2) _____. We must cultivate a relationship with God, learn all we can of His Word (Jesus is the Word), and obey what He commands.

(3) _____. We must imitate the example of Christ, and we should follow the example of other godly men and women.

- Imitation is *not* _____.
- Imitate the _____; don't try to duplicate the _____.

(4) _____. We must show others how to be disciples by teaching them and setting an example for them to follow.

(5) _____. We must call the lost to repentance and faith in Christ, and then set them on the path of discipleship.

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