



MIDWEEK SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Disciples Are Followers II

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 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.*

REVIEW

- A disciple is one who is _____ than just a Christian.
- Based on what Jesus said about what it means to be his disciple, it is: **“One who puts into practice and does what Jesus says, and is willing to make the _____ it takes to be what He wants.”**
- The fact of the matter is that _____ Christian should be a disciple.
- Just because someone trusts Christ and becomes a Christian does not _____ make them a “Christ follower.”

1. Disciples are followers on a different path.

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NEW LESSON

2. Disciples are followers without _____.

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- Two things that keep people from following Jesus are seen in this story.
 - Their _____, they're more interested in money and the things of this life than in following God.
 - Their _____, they let outside influences keep them from following the will of God.
- They did not hesitate...
 - In _____.
 - In the _____.
- They were willing to leave all and follow him immediately because they were _____ that He was the Messiah.
 - Once they were convinced, they were willing to _____.
- If you were _____ enough to trust Jesus as your Savior, then you should be _____ enough to follow what he says.
 - 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** _____?

3. Disciples are followers even if it means _____ loss.

Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

- There are two reasons why we should be willing to put commitment to Christ over any earthly loss it may cost us.
 - The first, of course would be a great love for the _____.
 - The second, is a love for _____ that Jesus wants us to have.

Matthew 9:10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

- Could it be the reason we aren't willing to suffer **earthly lost** is because we are not interested in _____ **gain**.

4. Disciples are followers who receive _____.

Mark 10:28-31 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. 31 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

- Just because we receive benefits does not mean that we avoid _____.