

whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- It is also clear that there is more to this than just sharing the gospel or leading some to Christ. We must teach them.
 - That is what helped many of us to _____ in the faith.

2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things **which thou hast learned** and hast been assured of, knowing **of whom thou hast learned them**;

- That is what we do at _____.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but **exhorting one another**: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- This is what we do with _____.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

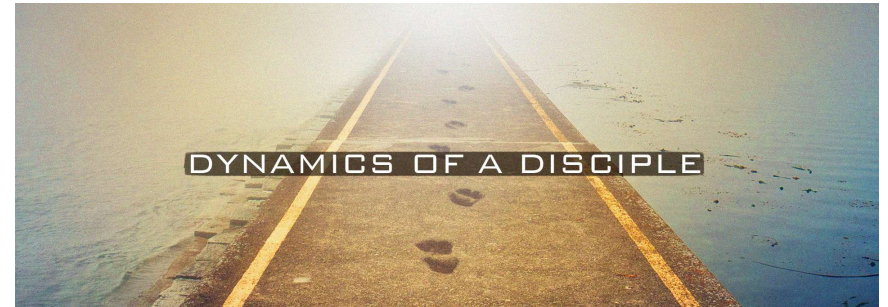
- This is what we do with what we _____.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

- As a person who says they are a follower of Jesus Christ, ask yourself these two questions:
 - Are you _____ men with the gospel?
 - Are you _____ truth to faithful men?

How can you do this?

- Go soul winning and learn how to win people to Christ.
- Follow up with people you win.
- Get them to church.
- Befriend them and help them in the faith.
- Get them a Bible and encourage them to grow.
- Pray for them.
- Get them into our discipleship class.



MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Disciples Are Followers IV

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.

- 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 sacrifices it takes to be what He wants.”**
- The first truth we are seeing about being a disciple is this one; **disciples are followers!**

REVIEW

1. Disciples are followers on a different path.
2. Disciples are followers without hesitation.
3. Disciples are followers even if it means earthly loss.
4. Disciples are followers who receive benefits.

NEW LESSON

5. Disciples are followers who follow _____ and stay true

Mark 14:54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

Mark 14:66-72 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest: 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. 68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. 69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. 70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. 71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. 72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

- True disciples can't _____ follow from a far distance. A distance will eventually lead to a _____.
- True disciples _____ to stay as close to the Lord as possible.
- Distance in our relationship starts with _____ in our direction.
- Are there any areas of your Christianity where you have started to grow distant, where you have started to become unfaithful?
 - It usually begins with _____ attendance.
 - It shows up in our _____ reading.
 - Maybe we've slipped in our _____.
 - Maybe in our _____ in ministry.
 - It could be in our _____.
- We need to get to the point where what we do as a Christian is done because of **conviction** and not **convenience**.
 - _____ = I do what I do regardless of how I feel or what others say because God says I should.
 - _____ I will do what I should unless something else comes up which gives me enough of an excuse to not to.

- Peter was pushed to where he either needed to _____ he was a follower or _____ that he was.

6. Disciple are followers who _____ others

John 1:40-42 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

- True commitment in following Christ requires true commitment to follow His _____ for the church and Christians.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

- This is not something that is hidden.
 - Because He _____ the world.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

- Because He _____ the way.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- Because He desires _____ to receive Him

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

- This is something he made clear.
 - Jesus made that clear when he _____ Peter and Andrew.

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, **Follow** me, and I will make you fishers of men.

- He made it clear to His followers before He left this _____.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things