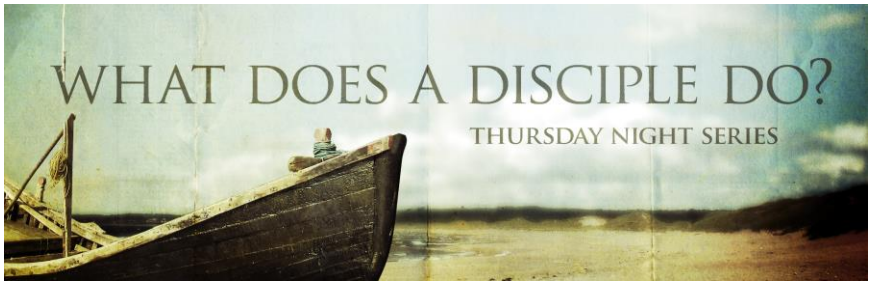


LESSON #8



Disciples Step Up Pt. 6

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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.**
 - 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 _____

a. Joining a church is a _____ to it.

Acts 2:40-41 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were **added unto them** about three thousand souls.

- An individual's progression towards membership.
 - _____ **church** before they attend.
 - _____ **church** when they attend.
 - _____ **church** when they join.

b. Joining church is a _____ to greater involvement.

c. Becoming a member brings _____, not just privilege.

- It makes sense to partake in the responsibilities.
 - You _____ where you **receive**.
 - You _____ where you are being **served**.
 - You _____ what you've been **told**.

d. Being a member of church is more than just coming _____.

Acts 2:42-47 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

- Look what followed their joining of the church.
 - **Learning the _____.**

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

e. Church membership and attendance should be a _____, not a convenience.

f. Let's commit to coming to church _____.

- **What you get out of church depends on how well you are _____ for it.**
- **Some suggestions to help us be prepared.**
 - Be careful about being out _____ on Saturday.
 - Always be looking for _____ people to bring to church with you.
 - Come expecting to _____ encouragement.
 - Come looking to _____ encouragement.
 - Be involved with the _____.
 - Be open to His _____.
 - Be involved in _____.
 - Be on _____.
 - Minimize _____.
 - Fight the _____ battle.

f. Let's know what _____ of church we are

- **Remember to acrostic B-A-P-T-I-S-T-S**

- **B**= the _____ we use as our sole authority for Faith and Practice.
- **A**= the _____ of the Church. Self-Governing.
- **P**= the _____ of Believers.
- **T**= the two _____ of the church.
- **I**= the individual soul _____ – free will.
- **S**= the saved and baptized who make up the _____ of the church.
- **T**= the 2 _____, Baptism & Lord’s Supper.
- **S**= the _____ of church and state

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;** ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church:**

- There are four “I will do” if I love my church.
 - **We will want to _____ it.**
 - **We will want to _____ in it.**
 - **We will want to _____ for it.**
 - **We will _____ for it.**

