

Are you a Disciple: Goal & Purpose

3 Groups & 3 Goals

Group 1: Those of you who are disciples.

Goal: That you will become a disciple who makes disciples.

Group 2: Those of you who are on your way to becoming disciples.

Goal: That you will choose to follow Jesus no matter the cost.

Group 3: Those of you who will have the opportunity to become a Christian and a disciple.

Goal: That you will choose to become a Christian and a disciple.

Priscilla: A Role Model for All 3 Groups

1. She chose to become a Christian. *Acts 18:1-3*

2. She chose to become a disciple. *Acts 18:4-6, 18-19*

3. She was a disciple who made disciples. *Acts 18:24-26, Romans 16:3-5*



The Call of Christ

To Salvation: Believe *John 1:12*

Question: Why should you believe in Jesus?

1. Because He is eternal. *John 1:1-2*
2. Because He is God / Deity. *John 1:1, 8:24*
3. Because His miracles prove that He is God's Son. *John 2:7-9*
4. Because He fulfills the Old Testament prophecies. *Ps. 22, John 2:17*
5. Because He is the only way to God. *John 14:6, Rom 1:16*

To Discipleship: Follow Me *John 1:43*

Question: Why should you follow Jesus?

1. Because He will instruct and enable you to do things you've never done before. *Luke 5:4-5*
2. Because He will allow you to see and experience things you've never seen or experienced before. *Luke 5:6-7*
3. Because He will keep you humble and keenly aware of your own sin. *Luke 5:8, James 4:6*
4. Because He will love and forgive you unconditionally. *Luke 5:10*
5. Because He has an eternal plan and purpose for your life. *Luke 5:10-11*

You've seen why you should accept the call of Christ.

Now the only question is: Will you?



Devoted Disciples vs. Casual Christians

The Cost of Discipleship : *Matt. 11:29-30*

1. Self - denial *Luke 9:23-24*
2. Submission *Luke 9:23, 1:38*
3. Supreme love *Luke 14:26*
4. Sacrifice *Luke 14:33*

The Characteristics of Casual Christians:

1. Carnal /Spiritual babies *1 Cor. 3:1-2*
2. Controlled by their sinful nature *1 Cor. 3:3-4, 2 Tim. 4:10-11*

Philippians 3:10-12 (NKJV)

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Discipleship requires perfection. True False

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What does Jesus Believe About the Bible?

1. It is God's Word. *Matt. 4:4*
2. It is a spiritual weapon to wield against the enemy. *Matt. 4:1-11, Phil. 4:6-7*
3. It teaches us we are to worship God alone. *Matt. 4:10*
4. It will all be fulfilled. *Matt. 5:18, 2 Peter 3:3-4*
5. The literal stories of: Noah and the flood; Sodom and Gomorrah; and Jonah and the fish. *Matt. 24:37-39, 10:15, 12:38-41*
6. God is Creator; marriage between man and woman. *Matt. 19:4-5*
7. There is life after death. *Matt. 22:31-32*
8. The Law and the Prophets (the entire Old Testament). *Matt. 22:31-40*
9. Moses and all of the prophets spoke of Him. *Luke 24:25-27, 32*
10. In His Second coming after the tribulation. *Matt. 24:29-30*

1 Peter 3:14-15 (NASB)

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

Empowered!

*“But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

The Holy Spirit Will Give You Power To:

1. Be my witnesses. *Acts 1:8*
2. Abound in hope. *Rom. 15:13*
3. Do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all that you could ever ask or think. *Eph. 3:20*
4. Overcome fear and timidity. *2 Tim. 1:7*
5. Everything pertaining to life and godliness. *2 Pet. 1:3*
6. Pray and not lose heart. *Luke 18:1*

How to Experience This Power

1. Let the Holy Spirit guide and direct your life. *Gal. 5:16*
2. Follow the Spirit's leading. *Gal. 5:25*
3. Be filled with the Spirit. *Eph. 5:18*
4. Do not stifle / quench the Holy Spirit. *1 Thess. 5:19*



An FAQ for Disciples Re: Fruit & Love

1. *Why is bearing fruit necessary?* It glorifies God and proves that you are a disciple. *John 15:8*
2. *How do you bear fruit?* You abide in the true vine / Jesus Christ. *John 15:1, 4*
3. *How do you know if you are abiding?*
 - a. You will bear fruit.
 - b. You will be pruned.
 - c. You will experience answered prayer. *John 15:7*
4. *What kind of fruit will you bear?*
 - a. Others will be saved. *John 4:35-36*
 - b. Spiritual growth/ sanctification. *Rom. 6:22*
 - c. Giving. *Rom. 15:28*
 - d. Fruit of the Spirit. *Gal. 5:22-23*
 - e. Good works. *Col. 1:10*
 - f. Praise and thanksgiving to God. *Heb. 13:15*
5. *How does God prune you?*
 - a. Through His Word. *John 15:3, 2 Tim. 3:16-17*
 - b. Through His discipline. *Heb. 12:6, Ps. 119:67*
6. *Why does God prune you?* So you will bear more fruit. *John 15:2*
7. *Why is loving one another necessary?* It glorifies God and proves that you are a disciple. *John 13:35*
8. *Who are you required to love?*
 - a. God. *Matt. 22:37*
 - b. One another/ other believers. *John 13:35*
 - c. Your neighbors/ non-Christians. *Matt. 19:19*
 - d. Your enemies. *Matt. 5:44*
= everybody.
9. *How do you demonstrate love?*
 - a. Obedience. *John 14:15*
 - b. Sacrifice. *John 15:12-13, John 3:16, 1 John 3:16*



Christlike Character: Real Disciples & Role Models

1. Truthfulness: Ex. Paul *1 Cor. 1:10-13, 3:1-4, 4:14-16*
2. Compassion: Ex. Luke *Luke 10:33-34, Luke 15:20, Col. 4:14, Philem. 1:23-24, 2 Tim. 4:11*
3. Meekness: Ex. John the Baptist *Luke 3:16, John 3:22-30*
4. Boldness: Ex. Peter *Acts 4:18-20, 5:27-32*
5. Mercy: Ex. Barnabas *Acts 9:26-27, 15:36-40, 2 Tim. 2:11*
6. Forgiveness: Ex. Stephen *Acts 6:8-15, Acts 7:57-60*
7. Servanthood: Ex. Mary *Mark 14:3-9, Luke 6:40*



At-a-glance Overview

(FOR YOU & FOR THOSE YOU DISCIPLE)

The Call of Christ:

- 1) To Salvation: Believe. *1 John 1:12, John 3:16*
- 2) To Discipleship: Follow Me. *Mark 1:16-17*

The Cost of Discipleship:

- 1) Self denial. *Luke 9:23-24*
- 2) Submission. *Luke 9:23*
- 3) Supreme love. *Luke 14:26*
- 4) Sacrifice. *Luke 14:33*

The 7 Distinctives of Devoted Disciples:

- 1) Know and obey God's Word. *John 8:31*
- 2) Free from their sinful nature. *John 8:32*
- 3) Controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. *Acts 1:8*
- 4) Prays at all times. *Luke 18:1*
- 5) Bears much fruit. *John 15:8, Gal. 5:22-23*
- 6) Unconditional love for others. *John 13:34-35*
- 7) Christlike character. *Luke 6:40*

The Realities & Rewards of Discipleship:

- 1) Persecution and suffering. *John 15:20*
- 2) Blessing. *Luke 18:29-30*

The Disciple's Mission:

- 1) To make disciples. *Matt. 28:19-20*
- 2) To be a Priscilla. *Acts 18:1-6, 18-28, Rom. 16:3-5, 2 Tim. 4:19*

