



# DISCIPLESHIP

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- To make clear what it means for us to surrender to Jesus's Lordship and live as authentic followers of Jesus

## Acts 11:25

Do you think there is a difference between a "christian" and a "disciple?"

- There is no distinction between a disciple or a Christian in the Bible

## Matthew 22:34-37

- The most important thing in life is to love God with everything you have.
- To become a disciple, we must first learn to love God with all our heart

What do you think it means to love God like this?

## John 13:34-35

- The primary quality other people should notice about us is the way we love one another.
- To love one another means we think of them before ourselves, it means we sacrifice for them, care for them, are kind and encouraging to them, but also that we are honest with them- even when it hurts.

What will it look like for you to love others like this?

## Luke 14:25-27

- If we are to become disciples, we must love God more than anything in our lives.
  - We love many things, people, possessions, ideas...we can only know how much we love something by considering how much we prioritize that thing.
    - Love is not a feeling, it is a choice
  - Everything has a place on our "love scale," and it is all about priorities

Up to this point in your life- where is God on your "love scale?"

## AT A GLANCE

### SCRIPTURES:

- Acts 11:25
- Matthew 22:34-37
- John 13:34-35
- Luke 14:25-27
- Luke 14:28-33
- Mark 10:17-31
- Matthew 24:31-46
- Mark 1:16-20
- Matthew 28:18-20

### QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

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- Upon reflection- do they believe they are a disciple of Jesus?
- If not, do they want to become one?



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- We must consider what it will cost us to surrender to Jesus
- We must be willing to surrender anything, to pay any cost to follow Jesus

What might it cost you to follow Jesus?

### Mark 10:17-31

- Though we are called to give up everything, God tells us that he will give us one hundred times as much.
- God gives us family in the church, meaning and purpose, eternal life, an answer to the deepest questions in life and more.

How do you feel about this promise?

### Matthew 25:31-46

- A part of being a disciple is about loving the poor
- When we love the poor, we love God

Has this been a part of your life?  
How do you feel about this mission?

### Mark 1:16-20

- Being a disciple is all about helping other people follow Jesus.
- We become "fishers of men" when we become disciples.
- Being a "fisher of men" is all about learning to "Fish for people." This is all about spreading the gospel of Jesus.
- Practically speaking, it means loving people into belief- befriending people, talking about faith, not arguing people into the faith- but loving them, letting them into your life, caring for them and eventually inviting them to learn more about the gospel of Jesus

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### Matthew 28:18-20

- There is a very practical aspect to spreading the gospel- it is called evangelism- sharing our faith.
- We need to be in the habit of inviting people to church and into our lives

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