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WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?
MATTHEW 4:18-22

Introduction

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus.

To Follow Jesus

To Be Changed By Jesus

To Be Committed To Jesus' Mission

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *What have you learned about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus as we've studied the book of Matthew?*
2. *We said that to follow Jesus means to realize that He has something you cannot find anywhere else. Share your stories of how you have experienced that.*
3. *We've said that sin is simply, "missing the mark." To follow Jesus means to let Jesus change us, to help us hit the mark. What practices have been helpful to you in making space for Jesus to change you? Accountability partners? Daily Examen? Confession? Journaling? Share with each other how you submit to this transforming work Jesus wants to do in you.*
4. *Where do you find it HARD to submit to being changed by Jesus?*
5. *What does it mean to be committed to the mission of Jesus? What would that look like in your life?*
6. *As you think about these three aspects of being a disciple of Jesus: following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and being committed to the mission of Jesus; take a few minutes to give yourself a rating, from 1-10 on each of them. How would you rate your following, being changed, and being committed right now, as you are today?*
7. *Share with each other where you have room to grow in your discipleship journey, and then pray for each other to end your time, that you would each become more and more like Jesus, follow Him more closely, and remain focused on Jesus' mission from day to day.*

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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