

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of September 8, 2024**  
**“Shift?!” week #2**



**Our “Shift?!” series** is focused on how we sharpen our focus on making disciples who make disciples. This week’s focus is on answering the question, ‘What is a disciple?’

We will examine key passages on Jesus’ call to the early followers and a few defining characteristics of what it means to be a disciple.

**READ** Matthew 4:18-5:1. Matthew 4:19 summarizes Jesus’ early words to some of his followers: “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (people).” Let’s examine the background of His call. What had these men experienced of Jesus that would “leave their nets” and follow Him? Do a quick walk through of the following passages to discover what they had seen, heard, and experienced before this call. (You can use the section headers in your Bible as an overview.)  
Matthew 3:2 - 4:17

Luke 3:1-4:30

John 1:19-4:54

What do you notice about what it means to be a disciple from Jesus’ words in Matthew 4:19? *“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (people).”*

What do we learn about being a disciple from Galatians 5:16-26?

From 2 Corinthians 5:15, 17-20?

**Notes from Pastor Doug’s Message**

Pastor Doug shared that to be a disciple requires (1) An intellectual assent to who He is, (2) a transformative process of becoming what He desires, and (3) a missional transition to what He is doing.

Another way to summarize this, is that a disciple of Jesus is someone who knows, loves, and follows Jesus. A disciple is always learning of Jesus, lives in a love relationship with Jesus and therefore obeys Him and lives a life of being on mission with Jesus.

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

What did you hear and learn this week about being a disciple?

What did Jesus' "shift" in your life when you decided to answer His call to follow?

Who or what helps you in your process of transformation to become like Him?

## **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

Let's reflect on this. Having learned about the definition of a disciple, does this fit who you are and how you live? Is Jesus the love of your life? Is Jesus transforming who you are? Would you say that you are living on mission for Jesus?

We, on the ministry staff of Trinity, are always available to meet with you to discuss these all-important matters.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- Please pray for our middle and high students in this challenging culture.
- Please pray for the Elders and Pastor Doug as they shepherd our church family.
- Please pray for our Women's and Men's Groups as they grow together.