

Study 2. Discipleship

Purpose:

The Holy Spirit comes to “convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (*John 16:8*). The Holy Spirit helps us *See Our Need*. Through His scriptures on Discipleship, He convicts us concerning Righteousness. Thus, these Scriptures should: clear up common misconceptions about following Jesus, convict us of our rejection of true discipleship, and inspire us to answer the true call of Jesus.

Scriptures:

- **Acts 11:25–26** –
 - The word Christian is used 3 times in Bible (Acts 11, 26, & 1Pt.5). The word disciple is used almost 300 in N.T.
 - The Word Christian has evolved into a term other than disciple today.
 - We need to examine Jesus expectations to see what a true disciple is.
- **Matthew 28:18–20** –
 - God’s plan is to not simply make people who believe or churchgoers or good people, but disciples.
 - Even after we have decided to follow and have been baptized, we still have to be taught to obey.
 - We must follow Jesus’ plan for him to be “with us”.
- **Mark 1:16–20** –
 - The purpose of every disciple is to be a fisher of men.
 - They left everything to follow Jesus. It is a radical decision.
 - Their response was immediate.
- **Luke 9:23–27** –
 - To follow Jesus we must be willing to deny ourselves. Follow the Word of God and not our selfish desires.
 - Discipleship/Carrying cross is a daily decision.
 - True disciples can not be ashamed of Christ and his Word.
- **John 13:34–35**–
 - Being a disciple means loving other disciples as Jesus loved us.
 - The world will know we are disciples not by our love or love for God, but by our love for other disciples.

Additional Scriptures:

Luke 14:25–35. Matthew 25:31–46, Matthew 10:26–39, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 7:21–27, Luke 11:1–4