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**DISCIPLE**

SERMON SERIES

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WHAT IT  
MEANS  
TO  
FOLLOW

*Matthew 28:19 (NIV)* Jesus said –  
Therefore go, and make disciples...”

*Making disciples was Jesus’  
whole strategy. Many times  
in Scripture, it tells us that He  
invited people to become his  
disciples.*

*Matthew 9:9* “As Jesus was going  
down the road he saw Matthew  
sitting in his tax-collection booth,  
‘Come be my disciple,’ Jesus said. So  
Matthew got up and followed him.”

*To be a disciple I must:*

1.           Spend time            
**with Jesus**

*John 12:26* “If you want to be my  
disciple you must come and follow  
me, because my servants must be  
where I am. And if they follow me,  
the Father will honour them.”

**a. Spiritual growth**   is    
          a choice          

*“If you want to be my disciple...”*

**b. Spiritual Growth**   is    
          a commitment  

*“You must come and follow.”*

- *John 1:39* “Come and see.”
- *Matthew 4:19* “Come and follow me”
- *Matthew 11:28* “If you’re tired,  
come to me and I’ll give you rest.”

- **John 7:37** “If you’re thirsty come to me and drink.”
- **Mark 8:34** “Come and deny yourself.”
- **Matthew 8:22** “Come follow me and let the dead bury the dead.”
- **Luke 9:23** “Come and take up your cross.”
- **Luke 14:33** “You can’t be my disciple unless you give up everything.”

**c. Spiritual growth** \_\_\_\_\_ is  
\_\_\_\_\_ a relationship

*“And follow me, because my servants must be where I am.”*

**2. Prioritise what** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Prioritises

*“You’ve got to love God FIRST.”*

**Luke 14:25-27** “If you want to be my follower you must love me. You must love me more than your own father and mother, your wife and children, your brothers and sisters – yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.”

**Mark 12:29-30** “The most important command is this: you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

**3. Love Who** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Loves

**And this starts with other disciples**  
**John 13:35** “you must love one another.”

**4. Do** \_\_\_\_\_ what  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Says

**John 8:31-32** “If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my disciple. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

**5. Serve Who** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Serves

*If you’re too big to serve, you’re too small to lead.*

**Matthew 16:24** “If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

**6. Reach Who** \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_ Reaches

*Jesus came reaching out for those far from God.*

**Matthew 4:19-20** “Jesus called out, ‘Come! Be my disciple. And I will show you how to fish for people,’ and they left their nets at once and went with him.”

**Mathew 28:19** “Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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