

## Discipleship, Part #2: How to be a Disciple

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### Introduction

The disciples were decidedly *not* perfect, but their lives and response to Jesus Christ are nonetheless illustrative to us in our own walk. Before we look deeper into discipling next week, it is helpful for us to see the “target,” or objective, for a disciple of Jesus. Briefly, what is the target for a disciple-ee and what can be modeled by the discipler?

### Brief Review

What is a **disciple**?

In our context, a disciple is a person who follows Jesus Christ and accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of salvation through Him.

What is **discipleship**?

The process by which a disciple grows in the Lord Jesus Christ and is equipped by the indwelling Holy Spirit to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike.

What is **discipling**?

The practice of deliberately doing spiritual good to someone so that he or she will be more like Christ.

### Nine Things That Are True of His Disciples

The disciples...

*Heard and responded.*

(Lk 5:10–11; Jn 1:43–49; 10:27)

*Submitted to Jesus' teaching.*

(Mt 5:1; 11:1)

*Were called to be like Jesus.*

(Mt 10:24–25)

*Were “all in.”*

(Lk 14:26–27, 33)

*Went everywhere with Jesus.*

(Mt 8:23; 9:19)

*Proclaimed the truth to others, sought to make disciples.*

(Mt 9:37–38; Lk 5:10–11; 10:1, 17; Jn 21:24)

*Were ridiculed for speaking truth and for their association with Jesus.*

(Mt 9:11, 14; 10:25; Jn 9:28; Jas 1:2–3; 1Pet 1:6–9)

*Were cared for by Jesus, who cares for his disciples deeply.*

(Mt 10:42; Jn 19:26–27)

*Pointed all people to Christ; the people ultimately were not their own disciples.*

(Jn 3:26–30; 1Cor 1:12; 3:4–6, 21–23)

## Common Questions

Q: Where should I be discipling others—inside or outside the church?

A:

Q: How do I approach someone to consider a discipleship relationship?

A:

Q: Is it OK to ask someone to disciple me?

A:

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Q: Does church membership make one a disciple?

A:

Q: Do you have to be saved to be a disciple?

A:

## Reflection

What are the working definitions we have for disciple, discipleship, and discipling so far in the class?

What is perhaps the greatest "thing that is true" about a disciple of Jesus, according to the list we talked through today?

## Application | This Week

Look around at your church family and deliberately engage a few of them to build relationships. Listen to them, tune in to what is on their mind and at the forefront of their heart. Consider how you could "walk with them." Don't overlook those people you might not normally engage.

Pray for God to direct you toward just one person to begin a discipleship relationship with.