

Being Exclusive

Lesson#4: Love Story Study Series

What is the practical fruit of making Jesus lord? What does it mean to be a disciple?

Acts 11:25-26

- I. This is the first place where disciples were called Christians. (About eleven years after Christianity was started)
- II. To study out what it means to be a true Christian one must study out discipleship.
 - A. The word Christian is only used in the bible 3 times.
 - B. The word disciple is in the New Testament alone over 240 times.
 - C. The only way to understand what it means to be a true Christian is to understand what it means to be a disciple?

What are the characteristics of a disciple?

Mark 1: 16-20 (Disciples Make Jesus Lord)

- I. A good place to learn about discipleship is where Jesus calls his first disciples.
- II. What are some things we learn from this passage about being a disciple of Jesus?
 - D. A disciple is someone who truly makes Jesus lord. To be a disciple you must follow Jesus.
 - E. We must be imitators of Jesus.
 - F. Like James and John, if we are disciples, once we understand the truth, we must be urgent to obey.
 - G. The heart we see displayed is one that is willing to totally surrender to Jesus and to go anywhere, change anything, do anything in order to follow in His steps. Lordship is the heart of being a disciple.

Mark 1: 16-20 (Disciples Are Fishers of Men)

- H. To be a disciple you must become a fisher of men
 - 1. This is a disciple's purpose
 - 2. It's impossible to say that we're disciples if we are not busy bringing people to Jesus.
 - 3. Why do you think this is important?

John 13: 34-35 (Disciples Love one Another)

- A. 34-35 what's new about this command is that the standard for our love for one another is Jesus. How does Jesus love?
- B. Unconditionally (not based on how we treat him, what we have in common, how good we are, are performance, etc.)
- C. Selflessly (serves us, gives to us)
- D. Unceasingly (won't quit on us, forgives us)
- E. This is how we must love one another
- F. This kind of love will change the world

I John 4:9-11, 19-20 (Disciples Are motivated by God's Love for Us)

- I. I John 4: 19-21 He loved us first
- II. What we do we do because of love
- III. This is the only motivation that lasts

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Matt 28:18-20

- I. (19) A Christian is a baptized disciple (I.e. someone who is baptized after making the decision to truly make Jesus lord). Jesus gives a new purpose to everyone who makes Him lord. Disciples are called to go and make disciples
- II. We are told to go and baptize these new disciples
- III. We must remain learners
- IV. This is the way to change world.

Questions:

- I. Are you a disciple?
- II. Have you been baptized?
- III. Were you a disciple when you were baptized?
- IV. Discuss
- V. Do you want to be?

If so: Let's continue to study out some things that every disciple needs to know.

Additional Scriptures: Luke 9:57-62, Mark 10:17-31

Homework: Read these passages in preparation for the next study (Galatians 5:19-21, Romans 1:18-32, II Tim 3:1-9, LK 18:9-14, or Rev 21:8, Mark 7:20-23). Take the time to define any of the terms that you don't understand.

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