



What is a Disciple?

“A person who follows the teachings, teacher, and/or disciplines of a way of life.”

“A Disciple of Jesus is to be more like Jesus, to be led more by Jesus, and to lead more people to Jesus.”

What is Discipleship?

1. Discipleship is NOT static.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 3:18)

2. Discipleship is NOT a program.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. (Ephesians 4:1)

3. Discipleship is a WAY of Life.

How to be a REAL disciple of Jesus in a REAL World?

R – Rest in God’s presence.

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16)

E – Experience God through obedience,

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
(John 15:5-8)*

A – Authentic relationships with each other,

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
(John 13:34-35)*

L – Live like Jesus with those around us.

4. Discipleship is to be transformational.

5. Discipleship is a command.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:18-20)*

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
(Matthew 25:21)*

Personal Reflections:

1. Out of the 4 disciplines of being a follower of Jesus, which one is your greatest strength? Why?
2. Out of the 4 disciplines of being a follower of Jesus, which one is your greatest struggle? Why?
3. How will you practice being a REAL follower of Jesus in REAL ways this week?