

Grow as a Disciple of Jesus

Following Jesus – Part 5

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Luke 6:13 (ESV) And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. Disciples _____ to God’s Word

Luke 5:1 (ESV) On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret,

Luke 5:2 (ESV) and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

Luke 5:3 (ESV) Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

2. Disciples _____ Jesus’ commands

Luke 5:4 (ESV) And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:5 (ESV) And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”

Luke 5:6-7 (ESV) And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

3. Disciples _____ everything to make disciples

Luke 5:8-9 (ESV) But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,

Luke 5:10 (ESV) and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

Luke 5:11 (ESV) And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Matthew 8:16-17 (ESV) That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

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Intro. How would you define a disciple of Jesus?

What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle (Luke 6:13)?

Who does Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19-20 apply to? Why?

1A. Why do you think the crowd in Luke 5:1 was so hungry to hear God's Word?

1B. What was going through the minds of Simon and the other fishermen as they washed their nets (Luke 5:2)?

1C. What were the reasons that Jesus used Simon's boat to preach from (Luke 5:3)?

1D. Why is it essential for you as a disciple of Jesus to listen to God's Word?

2A. Why was Jesus' command to Simon difficult for him to obey (Luke 5:4-5)?

2B. In what ways did Jesus' command to Simon make no sense to him (Luke 5:1-2)?

2C. What were the results of Simon's obedience (Luke 5:6-7)?

2D. Why does God's command to tithe make no sense for many people? What does God promise to those who tithe (Malachi 3:10)?

3A. Why did the large catch of fish cause Peter to recognize his sinfulness (Luke 5:8-9)?

3B. What did Jesus mean when He said that they would be "catching men" (Luke 5:10)?

3C. What did it mean to Peter to leave everything and follow Jesus (Luke 5:11)?

3D. What does it mean for you to leave everything and follow Jesus?