

Jesus Calls Us to Real Discipleship (Luke 14:25-35) – Part 1

The Meaning of Disciple:

The root word for the Greek word translated “disciple” is *μανθάνω*, (manthano) which is translated as the verb “to learn.”

The core idea of being a disciple is all about _____.

“A disciple is not above [his] teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.” (Matt 10:24-25a)

Disciple = _____ and _____ learning.

We see here that a disciple is one being taught by a teacher. More than that, a disciple is intended to become like his teacher. So, a disciple is one who **learns** what a teacher is teaching, and **lives out** what he has learned from the words and actions of the teacher.

Disciples are not the crowd of the curious,

but committed _____, those who are seeking to be committed “_____.”

Disciples are _____, _____ believers of Jesus.

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

The word of God produces disciples, and it does so as believers learn and live out the truth they are taught from God’s word. The word of God brings **belief** (“faith”) as well as an ongoing change of **behavior**.

NOUN: “disciple” *μαθητής* (*mathetes*) occurs 261x in the Gospels & Acts.

VERB: “to disciple” *μαθητεύω* (*matheteuo*) occurs 4x in the NT.

*“Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matt 28:19-20)*

Discipleship is intended to have the Word of God change the way we believe and the way we behave.

Jesus presents three requirements for real discipleship, gives two illustrations, and then hits home with the one intended purpose of discipleship.

General Observations of the 3 Requirements

- First – All three have the exact same phrase.
- Second – Jesus is not saying “then you **can’t** be a disciple,” but “you **won’t be able to** be a disciple.” These are essential practices that must be in place to truly follow Jesus.
- Third – These are ongoing practices, because discipleship is ongoing.

Discipleship Requirement #1: _____?

²⁶ *“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.*

Hate in the Bible and love in the Bible are similar in that they are not based upon feelings but upon choice. We can be commanded to love even our enemies because love is a choice. In the same way, hate is a choice, not a feeling. It is something we can choose to do.

Also, in the Bible, hate can be as simple as ignoring something or someone, or – listen – choosing one item over another item. Here are a few examples in the Bible:

So, when Jesus says that we are to be hating the people that are closest to us on all the earth, what is He saying?

To Be a Real Disciple,

God Must Be _____ as Your First and Most Important Relationship

He must be **FIRST** chair in your life. You must be loving Him, communing with Him, serving **Him**, and by doing so, He has your first place and your first choice in your life. By definition, then, you must continually be choosing **not** to give **any** other relationship – including the closest relationships you have in the world – first place. You must hate people by choosing God over them. Doing anything less is simply pretending to follow Jesus rather than truly doing so.

If you yourself are first or someone else is first, then that will skew **everything** else. **You _____ obey God in any real way if someone else is in God’s place.** You cannot seek to please someone else without hating God. God must be kept in first place with every choice in relationships.