



MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE

A disciple of Jesus loves God and loves others, making more disciples who will love God and love others; thus fulfilling both the “Great Commission” and the “Great Commandment”

A Disciple of Jesus loves God by:

Pursuing Intimacy: Pursuing the knowledge of God and intimacy with God by being eagerly and regularly involved in prayer, the study of God’s Word and other spiritual disciplines, leading to a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ which is growing ever deeper.

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-2, 42:1-2, 63:1-8, 73:23-26; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Hosea 6:6; Matthew 6:21, 22:37-38, Colossians 3:1-2; I Peter 5:6-7; John 17:3, 20-26; Philippians 3:10-12

Pursuing Holiness: Pursuing the character of God in personal holiness by seeking to develop and maintain a Christ-like character through a life of obedience to God; and above all, seeking to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in love for one another as members of the body of Christ.

Scripture: II Peter 1:3-4; Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:48; I Thessalonians 4:7; Ephesians 5:25-27; I Timothy 6:11; II Corinthians 7:1 (6:14-18); Ephesians 4:23-24

A Disciple of Jesus loves others by:

Pursuing Community: Pursuing community among God’s people by belonging and contributing to a healthy Christian community; being accountable to one another and having the heart of a servant of Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:1-6; I Corinthians 12-13; Romans 12:1-13; Matthew 25:14-30; Colossians 3:12-17; Ephesians 4:17-31, 5:1

Pursuing Servanthood: Pursuing servanthood in God’s world by understanding Christ’s call to be His witnesses; desiring to be living examples of Christ in the world by carrying out His mission in word and deed to those around us.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 5:13-16, 7:12, 25:14-30; John 13:1-17; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:1-5

A Disciple Makes More Disciples by:

Pursuing the Calling: Pursuing the Calling of God to be His Witnesses by knowing that others need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to be saved from God’s judgment against sin, and being willing to use the gifts God has given to be involved in the work of bringing other people to Jesus Christ to become His disciples.

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 2:9-10; II Corinthians 5:20-21; I Peter 3:15-16; Luke 10:1-16; Luke 24:45-49; Acts 1:1-8; Romans 1:16-17

Pursuing Dependence: Pursuing Dependence on God to fulfill His Mission by believing that it is God, by His Spirit, who alone can change the hearts of men, and yet believing that He has chosen to use people as His instruments to bring about that change, earnestly seeking and depending upon God’s guidance through His Holy Spirit for wisdom and strength to carry out the mission to make disciples.

Scripture: I Corinthians 2:1-5, 3:5-9; II Corinthians 2:14-17; Philippians 2:12-13; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 14:15-21; John 15:1-8