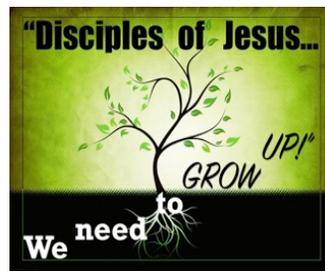


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”

Part 2: “Being a Disciple of Jesus – Answering Jesus’ Call”

Luke 9:18-27; 5:1-11



Introduction: People can look like believers and talk like believers and yet not BE disciples of Jesus.

BEING a disciple of Jesus is difficult. Following Jesus is costly.

Disciples of Jesus FOLLOW Jesus!!

The GOAL: Either renew your commitment to follow Jesus OR, for the first time, repent and believe and FOLLOW the One who is calling you.

I. Disciples of Jesus know WHO Jesus is!

Luke 9:18-20: “But who do YOU say that I am? ... “The Christ of God.””

It is upon this confession that Jesus said He would build His Church, the “ekklesia,” the “called - out ones.”

Luke 5:1-8: “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

THE question: “Who do YOU say Jesus IS ?!”

You will never be a true disciple of Jesus until you KNOW who Jesus is and understand the privilege of being one of His disciples.

Luke 9:21-22: “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected ... and be killed and on the third day be raised !” (vs. 22).

Daniel 7:13-14: “ ... And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom ... that shall not be destroyed!”

We’re not interested in making church members. We have been called to make DISCIPLES !!

II. Disciples of Jesus HEAR what Jesus says!

Disciples of Jesus listen for the voice of Jesus ... because we want to hear what Jesus says and we need to hear what Jesus says.

Luke 9:23-27: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (vs. 23).

The emphasis on getting people saved has not led to biblical discipleship for the vast majority of people and congregations.

BEING a disciple of Jesus is not “self - denial” ... it is denial of SELF !

Galatians 2:20: “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

John 10:10,14, 27-28: “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. ...” (vs. 14).

Matthew 11:28-30: “Come to Me ... and I will give you rest !” (vs. 28).

TRUE “discipleship” is life- transformation !!

III. Disciples of Jesus ANSWER Jesus’ call!

Jim Elliot: (Missionary to Ecuador ... martyred) ... “He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Our vision: “We exist to proclaim the reign of Jesus Christ over all things; glorifying and enjoying God, now and forever!”

Luke 14:26-33: “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple” (vs. 27).

Philippians 3:7-11: “Whatever gain I had I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (vs. 7).

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ means having the earnest desire to grow, to mature.

Philippians 3:12-14: “ ... I press on to make it my own ... I press on toward the goal ...”

Hebrews 12:1-3: “ ... looking to Jesus ... who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross ...” (vs. 2).