



DISCIPLE

MAKING

101

From the Life of Jesus

“Come and See”

John 1:35 - 46

What is a “disciple”?

1. A believer committed to *knowing the teachings of Jesus*. A “student,” a “learner” of Jesus Christ.
 2. A believer who integrates “Jesus” into his or her life through love-motivated obedience.
 3. A believer who ***passes on*** what he or she believes.
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“Disciple” – Greek definition – “*matthetes*.”

- “Disciple” – Greek, “*matthetes*,” – μαθητής, *a learner, pupil, ... one who follows one's teaching. ... but especially the twelve apostles*. In the Acts -- all those who confess Jesus as the Messiah, Christians: Acts 6:1f,7; 9:19; 11:26, and often; with τοῦ κυρίου added, Acts 9:1. The word is not found in the O. T, nor in the Epistles of the N. T., nor in the Apocalypse [Revelation]; (Thayer Greek Dictionary)

The Twelve – listed as 3 groups of 4 in NT. Matt 10:2f; Mark 3:8, Luke 5:14.

1. Simon (always 1st in list) & Andrew (brothers); James & John (brothers; Zebedee, father; “Sons of Thunder”). “Inner circle.”
2. Philip, Nathaniel (Bartholomew), Matthew (tax collector; Levi), Thomas (doubter)
3. James (son of Alphaeus), Simon the Zealot, Thaddeus, Judas Iscariot (betrayed); Judas replaced by Matthias, Acts 1:26

The 12 Disciples were not the “spiritually elite” of Jesus’ day.

1. Ordinary, common people, wo any special gifts or talents. No priests, bible scholars, prophets or preachers.
2. All Jews. Mostly from Galilee, not Jerusalem.
3. Diverse: fishermen (4); tax collector (social reject, intellectual), a former zealot, two skeptics (Thomas & Nathaniel); a betrayer who thieved the \$ box.
4. Two (maybe 3) were originally disciples of J Bapt. (Jn 1:35, 40). Andrew, John.



1. “Discipleship” is a process that begins with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The relationship bears fruit in the intentional pursuit to know Jesus more.

What do you seek?

Andrew and John – v41.



2. A disciple obediently follows Jesus in beliefs, behaviors, and thought-life. A disciple depends on the HS to enable the following of Jesus.

- Jesus to the two – “come and see.”
- Andrew of Peter. 1:41
- Philip of Nathaniel. 1:45 (map)



- Procuratorship
- Herod Antipas
- Philip
- Syrian Territory

Mediterranean Sea





3. A disciple brings others to Jesus.
Disciples reproduce! They multiply
themselves.

- Andrew brought Peter. 1:42
- Philip brought Nathaniel. 1:45, 46

Next Steps.

1. Invite one person to “come and see” Jesus this week.
2. Pick one of the 12 disciples and do a “word search” on his name. Write a profile on who he was and what he did in the NT. Is there anything in his life that you should seek to emulate in yours?



“Discipleship” – Avery Willis – Masterlife 1.

“The goal of discipleship is to become like Jesus Christ.”

- “Christian discipleship is developing a personal, lifelong, obedient relationship with Jesus Christ in which he transforms your character into Christlikeness; changes your values into kingdom values; and involves you in his mission in the home, the church, and the world.”

3 Points to “What is a Disciple” of Jesus:

1. A believer committed to *knowing the teachings of Jesus*. A “student,” a “learner” of Jesus Christ.
 2. A believer who has decided to integrate “Jesus” into his or her life through love-motivated obedience.
 3. A believer committed to *passing on* what he or she believes.
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