

What It Takes To Be A Disciple - Sunday PM 02/11/18

Introduction:

The most commonly used term for a follower of Christ is "disciple." Disciple means-- "learner", a student of a teacher, *Matthew 16.24*. Follower of the teachings of that teacher, *John 8.31*. A disciple becomes like the teacher, *Matthew 10.25a*. *Luke 5.1-11* teaches us a lot about being a disciple of Christ.

I) To Be A Disciple One Must Learn Something, *Luke 5.1-3*

A) One hindrance to following Christ is the attitude that one already knows everything.

1. Hardest student to teach is one who thinks they know more than the teacher.
2. They won't listen, won't apply what is being taught.

B) Peter was listening to Jesus and "the word of God" *v. 1*

C) To be a disciple of Christ we must desire the word of God, *1 Peter 2.2-3*.

D) *Matthew 11.29* a key word is "learn".

II) To Be A Disciple One Must Understand Something, *Luke 5.3-8*

A) Peter had listed to Jesus, now he was told to put out his nets. *v. 4*

B) This contradicted the "rules of fishing"

1. Night time was the time to fish not during the day.
2. Place to fish was the shallow water, not the deep waters.
3. Time to catch fish was at the beginning not after a long

time of fishing. These were tired men, *Luke 5.5a*.

- C) "But" he did what Jesus requested, *v. 5b*.
- D) "Master" this Greek word is only used by Luke and means "one who stands over". Only applied to Jesus, *Luke 8.24.45*.
- E) One who has total authority - Jesus was the Master; Peter was the servant, he was ready to obey.
- F) To be a disciple we must learn Jesus is the Master.
 - 1. The Master does not give suggestions or advice; He gives commands.
- G) In the end Peter and the others were rewarded for their obedience.

III) To Be A Disciple One Must Acknowledge Something, *Luke 5.8-10a*.

- A) Earlier miracles performed by Jesus included: turning water into wine (*John 2.1ff*), healing of a noble man's son (*John 4.46-54*), and others.
- B) This miracle really got Peter's attention - Jesus is Lord of everything.
- C) Peter acknowledged his shortcomings, a sinful man.
- D) The same for us:
 - 1. To be a disciple we must acknowledge He is Lord, *Romans 10.9*.
 - 2. Our need for Him. You and I need Jesus.

IV) To Be A Disciple One Must Change Something, *Luke 5.10b*.

- A) Notice Peter's first response in *verse 8* "go away from me"; Jesus called Peter to action, *v. 10b*.
 - 1. Catch is continuous action - means to "catch alive".
 - 2. See *Mark 1.17*.
- B) Earlier Peter was catching fish; now he will catch (convert) men.
- C) Peter would go out and preach the word of God, *Luke 8.11*.
- D) Jesus calls merchants to buy the pearl of great price (*Matthew 13.46*); physicians to work with the Great Physician and heal the sick (*John 12.40*).
- V) To Be A Disciple One Must Give Up Something, *Luke 5.11*
 - A) They had to leave behind their boats, nets, occupation, and financial security.
 - B) They left everything to follow Jesus.
 - 1. "Immediately" *Mark 1.18*
 - 2. Everyone who follows Jesus gives up something.
 - C) We must be willing to give up, sin, anything that stands between us and God, *Luke 14.33*.
- VI) To Be A Disciple One Must Do Something, *Luke 5.11*.
 - A) We must follow Him.
 - B) They followed Jesus wherever He wanted them to go.

Conclusion:

Are you ready to be a disciple of Christ? Are you a student of the Word?
Are you willing to let Jesus be your Master? Are you willing to admit your

faults, inadequacies and be dependent on Christ? Are you willing to glorify God and bring others to Christ? Are you willing to give up that which separates you from God and trust in Him? Are you willing to follow Him wherever He goes?