

“DEVELOPING DISCIPLES”

PART 6

OBJECTIVE: EXAMINE THE LIFE OF BEING A DISCIPLE AND OUR STANDARDS OF HOW DISCIPLESHIP IS FOUNDATION OF WE FOLLOW CHRIST JESUS.

KEY SCRIPTURES: MATTHEW 10:38/JOHN 13:35/

LUKE 5:11/ MATTHEW 25:40-45/MARK 16:15-18

AS WE CONCLUDE OUR STUDY ON THE IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOP AS A DISCIPLES OF CHRIST JESUS, WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IT TAKES ONE TO MAKE ONE. OUR BEGINNING WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO AN END.

(PHILIPPIANS 1:6) GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE AND HE WILL BRING IT TO PASS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SUBMIT TO GOD AND RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE. DRAW NEAR TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU!

AS WE GROW AND DEVELOP AS DISCIPLES THERE IS A FOUNDATION OR FUNDAMENTALS THAT WILL GUIDE US IN OUR DEVELOPMENT.

THE ORIGINAL 12 DISCIPLES WERE MEN FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE. AMONG THEM WERE FISHERMEN (ANDREW, PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN), A TAX COLLECTOR (MATTHEW), A ZEALOT (SIMON), EVEN A TRAITOR AND THIEF (JUDAS). WHAT IS FASCINATING ABOUT THESE MEN IS THAT THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THEM WHEN JESUS CALLED THEM. IN FACT, THESE WERE NOT THE RELIGIOUS ELITE OF THE DAY. THEY WERE ORDINARY MEN WHOSE LIVES WERE TRANSFORMED BY JESUS. THIS TRANSFORMATION ALLOWED THEM TO DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS.

THE REASON THIS IS SO IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE THIS GIVES US **HOPE**. WHAT JESUS IS LOOKING FOR IS ORDINARY PEOPLE WHOM HE CAN EMPOWER TO GO FORTH AND DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS FOR HIM. WHAT JESUS REQUIRES FROM YOU IS WHAT HE REQUIRED FROM THESE MEN. IN THEIR CASE, THEY LEFT EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW JESUS. THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT JESUS IS GOING TO ASK YOU TO GIVE UP YOUR CAREER AND LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND TO FOLLOW HIM, BUT HE MIGHT. REGARDLESS OF WHAT HE ASKS, BEING HIS DISCIPLE MEANS SAYING YES TO WHAT HE ASKS YOU TO DO. THAT YES OPENS THE DOOR FOR GOD TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

OUR FUNDAMENTALS IN BECOMING A DISCIPLE

- LOVE _____ (JOHN 13:34-35)
- LOVE _____ (1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-2)
- LIVE SUBMITTED TO GOD (JAMES 4:7)
- TEACH _____ (MATTHEW 28:18-20)
- LEARN OF JESUS (MATTHEW 11:28-30)
- GO INTO THE _____ FIELD. (MATTHEW 9:37-38)
- STAND _____ AND STAND _____. (MATTHEW 5:13-16)
- LIVE SACRIFICALLY (MATTHEW 16:24)
- LIVE IN THE _____. (JOHN 8:31-32)
- DON'T DO IT _____. (ACTS 2:42)
- BE AN EXAMPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 11:1)
- BE _____ (2 TIMOTHY 4:2-5)
- BE STEADFAST (1 CORINTHIANS 15:58)