

BELIEVER/DISCIPLES WEEK 3

Summary: **SUPER FAST REVIEW**

DISCIPLESHIP DEFINITION will sum up 3 more conditions=
FLEXIBLE FAITH “TODAY” for the will of God!

The Ten Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus from the Word of God! **A disciple...**

1. Must be a genuine believer (John 11:25-26, John 3:14-18, John 6:64-71) **Week 1**
2. Bears MUCH fruit (John 15:8). **Week 2**
3. Holds Jesus as the object of highest affection (Luke 14:26). **Week 3**
4. Allows themselves to be conformed to Jesus will (Luke 14:27). **Week 3**
5. Patterns their life after Jesus (Luke 14:27). **Week 3**
6. Loves others (John 13:35). **Week 4 opening of New Church Dec 1**
7. Stewards Jesus possessions rather than clinging to them (Luke 14:33). **Week 5**
8. Abides in God's Word (John 8:31). **The next three all Week 6**
9. Is a BAPTIZED believer (Matthew 28:19-20) **Week 6 (Bap-Jan 19)**
10. Is actively involved in making OTHER disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE TOGETHER! To
learn how to become strong disciples of
Jesus ☺

BEEF???. WORD???

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DISCIPLES OF JESUS ARE HUMBLE SERVANTS OF OTHERS

Luke 14:7 *And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place. ¹⁰ “But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. ¹¹ “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

THERE ARE FUTURE REWARDS FOR FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

Luke 14:12 *And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment. ¹³ “But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

MANY JEWS REJECTED JESUS, RESULTING IN SALVATION FOR ALL! SEE ROMANS 11---Think Thanksgiving, Think

Christmas.....Think the wedding feast of the Lamb!

THE FOLLOWING IS JESUS UNIVERSAL CALL TO “FREE” SALVATION THAT WILL LEAD TO THE “COST” OF TAKING UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOWING AFTER JESUS!

Luke 14:15 *When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”* ¹⁶ *But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;”* ¹⁷ *and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’* ¹⁸ *“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’* ¹⁹ *“Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’* ²⁰ *“Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’* ²¹ *“And the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’* ²² *“And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’* ²³ *“And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled.* ²⁴ *‘For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”*

NOW THE CALL TO FOLLOW AFTER HIM!!!!!!

AND OUR 3 MORE CONDITIONS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS...

Come “TO” Me for SALVATION (Justification)

Come “AFTER” Me for DISCIPLESHIP (Sanctification)

Luke 14:25 *Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,* ²⁶ **“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”** ²⁷ **“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot**

be My disciple.²⁸ “For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ “Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ “Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² “Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ “So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

APPLICATION

1. A Disciple holds Jesus as the object of highest affection (Luke 14:26).

1. Your LOVE for Jesus must be more than your love for your family and even more than your love for your own life
2. Jesus is the creator of all things, including your family and including YOU!
3. Without Jesus, you wouldn't have a family or even life
4. You exist solely out of the grace of God
5. Jesus ALONE gives you life ETERNAL, while your earthly family are all temporary apart from the grace of God, who is the source of their eternal life as well
6. I would venture to say, none of your family died on your behalf so that you might live...BUT Jesus did!
7. IF YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS IS YOUR **FIRST** PRIORITY... your love for your family and your own life will be perfect!

2. A Disciple allows themselves to be conformed to Jesus will AND GROW UP IN YOUR FAITH!!!! (Luke 14:27).

1. A Roman cross was an instrument of death and carrying your cross through the Roman streets meant you agreed, that you deserved to die as a criminal!

2. Taking up your cross for Jesus, means you are willing to DIE TO SELF and your self-will and willing to live for Christ!
3. Remember condition number 2 from last week...ABIDES IN CHRIST that we might bear MUCH FRUIT.....The FRUIT of **FAITHFULNESS** comes from ABIDING in Christ.....Jesus wants you to follow-after Him with FAITH.....
4. **Lord's Prayer is a prayer of submission to the will of Jesus that requires FAITH...AND WHY WE ARE BUILDING A NO DRAMA, NO WHINING CHURCH ☺....NOT MY WILL...But thy will be done**
REMEMBER: WE ARE LEAVING GYM TODAY/CHOICE NEXT WEEK OF 8:30 OR 10:30?????...AND HEADED FOR PROMISED LAND JUST LIKE MOSES.....!!!
BUT, LET'S NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP THAT THE ISRAELITES DID (WHINING IS THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH)

AS DISCIPLES WE NEED TO BE THANKFUL IN ALL GOD HAS DONE AND IS DOING...?

1. Started a church a month and a half ago!!!!!! With 300 people
2. We had no building for a church plant, but by FAITH, God provided this gym temporarily for 8 months (But leaving in 2)
3. We had no money to buy a church, but by FAITH God arranged the money to buy a church, in less than 30 days
4. We put 150k non-refundable earnest money down in FAITH!
5. We needed more seats and no money for a remodel of the church God gave us, but by FAITH, He provided the money to pay for the remodel in less than 30 days, and before we move in
6. AND if you are worried about TWO SERVICES and HOW we will keep our family together...BY FAITH GOD HAS THE ANSWER and by FAITH we are going to see this church be a beacon of what disciples of Jesus look like within our own church family and all those He wants us to reach in our community!!!!
7. With your continued generous giving we are still headed for being debt-free as a church

THERE IS NO NUMBER CAP ON HAVING A FAMILY.....IT'S NOT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO DETERMINE A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE...IT IS THE HEART OF THOSE WHO GO THERE.....OUR "OPPORTUNITIES" ARE MINDBLOWING....JESUS HAD 3 very close disciples out of 12 AND a GROUP OF OVER 100 AND THEN HE HAD MULTITUDES THAT HE MINISTERED TOO.

There are a whole lot of people who have tried to tell God "You can't do that....and all along He has said, "Just watch me"!!!!!!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT GOD WOULD HAVE PICKED COCOLALLA FOR A REVIVAL, NOT JUST A CHURCH!!!!!!.....We have a disease in our church that some have succumbed to, called "Small minded thinking" (Fear based) instead of God possibilities" (Fear does NOT come from God)

A Disciple Patterns their life after Jesus (Luke 14:27).

1. To pattern your life after Jesus is simple to understand, but difficult if not impossible to carry out...That's why God gave you the Holy Spirit
2. Jesus was the perfect portrait of what a disciple looks like

QUESTION: If you had a couple of words to describe Jesus life on earth what would they be??? HUMBLE? BORE MUCH

FRUIT? (He taught it AND LIVED IT OUT).

Willing to sacrifice ANYTHING FOR ANYONE?

SERVANT LEADER?

Submissive to the Father all the time?

WWJD STILL WORKS!!!

HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT DISCIPLESHIP IS IMPOSSIBLE....???

JESUS=John 15, "Apart from me you can do NOTHING"

PAUL=Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

