

# Discipleship

## 1. What Is Discipleship?

A disciple is a follower, learner, and imitator of Jesus. Discipleship involves surrendering to Christ, growing in faith, and leading others to Him.

Matthew 4:19 – "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Discussion: What does it mean to follow Jesus? How does discipleship go beyond just believing in Him?

Luke 9:23 – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Discussion: What does it look like to take up our cross daily?

## 2. The Cost of Discipleship

True discipleship requires commitment, sacrifice, and prioritizing Christ above all else.

Luke 14:26-27, 33 – Jesus teaches that disciples must be willing to forsake everything for Him.

Discussion: What are some things we may need to surrender in order to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?

Philippians 3:7-8 – Paul considers everything a loss compared to knowing Christ.

Discussion: What worldly things compete with our devotion to Jesus?

## 3. The Call to Grow Spiritually

Discipleship is a lifelong journey of transformation through the Holy Spirit.

John 15:5-8 – Jesus describes disciples as branches that must remain in Him to bear fruit.

Discussion: How do we stay connected to Jesus in our daily lives?

2 Peter 1:5-8 – Peter outlines qualities that should increase in a disciple's life.

Discussion: How do we grow in these qualities? What role does the Holy Spirit play?

#### **4. The Mission of a Disciple**

A disciple is called to make more disciples and spread the Gospel.

Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great Commission commands us to make disciples of all nations.

Discussion: How can we actively fulfill this command in our personal lives?

2 Timothy 2:2 – Paul instructs Timothy to pass on what he has learned to others.

Discussion: Who has discipled you? Who can you disciple?

#### **5. The Power and Presence of Christ in Discipleship**

Discipleship is not done alone—Jesus is with us, and we have the Holy Spirit's help.

Matthew 28:20 – "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Discussion: How does knowing Jesus is with us encourage us in discipleship?

Acts 1:8 – The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses.

Discussion: How can we rely on the Holy Spirit in our discipleship journey?

#### **Application Questions:**

1. What steps can you take to grow deeper as a disciple of Jesus?
2. Is there someone you feel led to disciple? How can you start?

3. What are some obstacles that keep people from full discipleship, and how can we overcome them?

Would you like to explore a specific aspect of discipleship in more depth?



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