



What is a Disciple of Jesus?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

Jesus called the disciples to follow him. To leave their old life and journey with him as he taught them his way.

The term disciple is often thought of as a student or trainee, to receive training and then be “qualified” to be a mature Christian. But being a disciple, following Jesus, is a lifelong journey.

- How would those you come in contact with every day know you are a disciple of Jesus?
- Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you understand what it means to be his disciple.

INTO THE WORD

Matthew 10: 38 - 39, take up your cross.

John 10: 27 - 28, my sheep know my voice and follow me.

John 14: 25 - 27, the Holy Spirit will teach you.

Discipleship is the way of the cross.

- What does it mean to take up our cross?

Discipleship is listening to and knowing the voice of Jesus in our lives.

- How can we cultivate that in our daily lives?

Jesus calls us to follow him as his disciples. We throw off everything that holds us back as we journey with him through our whole lives. No matter our age we continue to learn and grow in him.

GOING DEEPER

Read through **Philippians 2:1-18**.

Paul challenges us to allow God to renew our minds, our belief systems and to have the same mindset as that of Jesus when dealing with one another and the world around us.

- How does this shape our understanding of discipleship?

Reflection:

- Are there things in our lives that stop us from truly following Jesus?
- Have we left our nets to follow him or are we still holding on to our old lives?

Discipleship is relational. It is being in relationship with Jesus, together, living as the body of Christ. It is walking in the way of Jesus, each and every day throughout our lives, side by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

PRAY