



How do we BE Disciples?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

Think about the people who've taught you something valuable in life. Maybe it was a parent, a coach, or a mentor at work. How did you learn best —by being told, by being shown, or by making mistakes?

Discipleship is much the same. We're apprentices of Jesus. We don't just believe in Him, we follow Him, learn from Him, get corrected, and grow to be more like Him.

- What's one thing you've learned from a mentor or leader that has stuck with you?

INTO THE WORD

Read **Matthew 4:19**

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Read **Colossians 2:6–10**

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness...”

- What do you notice about Jesus’ invitation in Matthew 4:19? Is it passive or active?
- Paul says we’re to be rooted and built up in Christ. What do these images mean for everyday life?
- What warnings does Colossians 2 give us about being distracted from true discipleship?

GOING DEEPER

Being a disciple is more than wearing a label “Christian.” All disciples are Christians, but not all Christians are disciples.

Think of discipleship as a journey:

1. Following Jesus – walking in His footsteps.
2. Being changed by Jesus – letting Him transform your heart and life.
3. Living on mission with Jesus – joining His work in the world.

- Are there areas of your life you’ve held back from Jesus instead of letting Him be Lord over all?
- Do you lean more towards “knowing” (head knowledge) or “feeling” (emotions) in your faith? How might both need to be shaped by Jesus?
- What might it look like for you to take a step from simply “believing” in Jesus to actively “following” Him this week?

PRAY