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A First Look at Discipleship

John 1:35-42
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I. A True Disciple Makes the Transition (vv. 35-37)

- A. A good discipler _____ time with those he is discipling (v. 35)
- B. A good discipler _____ his disciples to Jesus (v. 36)
- C. A good discipler _____ his followers to follow Christ (v. 37)

II. A True Disciple Lives a Life of Evaluation (v. 38)

- A. Discipleship is about _____ answering hard questions
- B. Discipleship is about _____ asking practical questions

III. A True Disciple Lives a Life of Submission (v. 39)

- A. Jesus both commands and _____ us to join Him
- B. Jesus is never too _____ for you

IV. A True Disciple Lives Life on Mission (vv. 40-42a)

- A. Disciples _____ Christ (v. 40)
- B. Disciples _____ others who need Christ (v. 41)
- C. Disciples follow _____ on their mission (v. 42a)

V. A True Disciple Accepts His Transformation (v. 43b)

- A. Jesus sees us as we _____
- B. Jesus also sees us as we will _____

TAKE HOME

- Have you made the _____ from those who are pointing you to Christ to a personal relationship with Christ?
- Are you living a life of _____ to Christ answering His questions and obeying His commands?
- Are you aware of the _____ that is taking place from seeing who you are to seeing who you will be?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 1:35-37. How did John the Baptist influence those he was discipling? How can you learn from his ministry and practically apply them in your discipleship relationships?

2. Has it ever been hard for you to see people you have invested in move on to other ministries or other churches? How did you respond to that change?

3. Read John 1:38. What do you think about the question that Jesus asked? If you had been one of those two disciples how would you have answered this same question? How would you answer it today?

4. Read John 1:39. What do you think about Jesus’ invitation that is really a command? (Matt. 11:28; Matt. 7:7; Jn. 14:15) Do you remember the day you met Jesus? Why or why not?

5. Read John 1:40-42a. Are you finding others and bringing them to Christ? Which part of this is the hardest for you? How are you doing in bringing your family to Christ?

6. Read the John 1:42 again. Have you ever thought about the difference of who you are when God saves you and who you will become throughout your life and ministry? How do these observations encourage you in your growth as a Christian?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How can these questions help you in your discipleship process?

“Salvation is free, ... but discipleship will cost you your life.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*