

# Disciples of Christ – 2



Closer to God (45)

# Review

Last week, we began examining being a disciple of Christ.

We defined a disciple as a follower of his “master” with the intent of imitating him and his teachings

We defined “discipleship” (a word not found in the NT) as the state of being a disciple or the process of becoming a committed follower of Jesus



# Review

Last week, we began examining being a disciple of Christ.

We examined **Luke 9:23-24**. A disciple of Jesus must:

- \* Desire it
- \* Deny himself
- \* Take up his cross
- \* Follow Jesus



Today

# Disciples of Christ – 2

Some more  
NT Passages



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# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33

- Jesus is headed toward Jerusalem (**Luke 9:51**). If so, His followers have been with Him for awhile.
- He now calls for true commitment.
- This is a **SERIOUS** decision



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33

- If anyone comes to Me
- *And does not hate his family*  
Is Jesus advocating hatred of family?
- Jesus taught that we love everyone – **Matthew 22:37-39.**
- Jesus did not hate others – **John 3:16, Romans 5:6-8**



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33

Are we to hate our family?

- Jesus kept the LOM perfectly –which called for honoring parents - **Exodus 20:7**  
(cf. **Ephesians 6:2**)
- On the cross, He made provisions for Mary – **John 19:26-27**
- He even taught loving enemies  
**Matthew 5:43-45**



# The Cost of Discipleship

**Luke 14:26-33** – “Hate father...”

What did Jesus mean?

- This was likely a statement to shock and provoke serious consideration
- The point is that we must love less anyone or anything that hinders our discipleship

**Cf. Matthew 10:34-37**

**Matthew 19:29**





# The Cost of Discipleship

**Luke 14:26-33** – “Hate father...”

What did Jesus mean?

- Consider **Genesis 29:31-33**  
Leah was unloved (lit. hated)  
Did Jacob hate her or love her less than Rachel? (She was mother of 7 of his children)
- **Psalms 5:5**, “You hate all workers of iniquity”, yet He loves all mankind



# The Cost of Discipleship

**Luke 14:26-33** – “Hate father...”

What did Jesus mean?

- The point: To be His disciple, He must come first! Before any relationship or possession or resource we have!



# The Cost of Discipleship

**Luke 14:26-33 –**

“Hate...his own life”

- Again, a willingness to sacrifice even our life if needed.
- Should we really hate ourselves?

**Ephesians 5:28-29**

**Cf. Luke 9:24-25 –**

*whoever desires to save his life will lose it*

- **WHAT** are we willing to die for?



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33 –

“Hate...his own life”

- Again, consider priorities. What will you sacrifice or give up for Him?
- **Romans 12:1**  
**Luke 18:22** – the rich, young ruler was told to see all his possessions. Why?
- Does He come before money, comforts, hobbies, relationships, our pride?



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33 –

### Take up his cross -

- We addressed this in our last lesson (**Luke 9:23**) – a willingness to suffer affliction and hardships for Him



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33 –

### Counting the cost

- We must take our discipleship seriously
- 2 Illustrations given
  - building a tower **28-30**
  - a king going to war **31-32**
- **While being a disciple is free, it will cost you everything!**



# The Cost of Discipleship

## Luke 14:26-33 –

*Whoever does not forsake all that he has, cannot be My disciple*

- This is total commitment!
- Are you willing to give up whatever hinders?
  - \* Will you sacrifice comforts for Him and your brethren?
  - \* Will you sacrifice resources?
  - \* Will you give up ANYTHING at all?
- Is that ONE THING standing in your way?



# Abiding in His word

## **John 8:31-32**

*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

- Being a disciple is tied to making His word our home!

## **2 John 9-11**

His word includes the teachings of the apostles

(**cf. Galatians 1:11-12,**  
**Ephesians 3:3-5)**

**1 Thessalonians 2:13**





# Abiding in His word

## **John 8:31-32**

*If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.*

- Abiding also implies that we are **DOING** what He says! We are *living it!*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**James 1:21-25**

- **Hebrews 10:24-25 -**

*we will NOT neglect assembling!*



# Love for one another

## John 13:34-35

*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

- In a hostile world, we need each other!

Do you prefer your brethren?

**Romans 12:10**

**1 Peter 2:17**

**Philippians 2:3-4**



# Love for one another

## John 13:34-35

*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

- Jesus gave us His example,  
*“As I have loved you...”*
- This will be evident to others  
*“By this”* implies they have  
the right to judge us in this!



# Bearing fruit

## John 15:8

*By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

- Bearing fruit means we are productive!



# Bearing fruit

## **John 15:8** What is fruit?

- Reaching souls – **Mark 16:15, 2 Corinthians 5:11, Acts 5:42, 8:4, etc.**
- Any area of growth –  
Knowledge – **2 Peter 3:18**  
Good works – **Titus 2:14**  
Relationships  
Character – **Gal. 5:22-23**  
Righteousness – **Heb. 12:11**



# Bearing fruit

**John 15:8** What is fruit?

- **Colossians 1:10**, *that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;*
- A disciple is going to be growing and maturing!



**Are you a disciple  
of Christ?**  
**Matthew 28:19-20**



Let us pray!

