

Disciple 101



this.

1. _____ circle the parts of the verses below that are about this.

2. _____ underline the parts that are about

Go Commands -



Matthew 28:19 Therefore, _____ and make _____ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. _____ these new disciples to obey all the commands -

_____. And be sure of this:

_____, even to the end of the age.

Matthew 10:7-8 _____ and _____ to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. _____ the sick, _____ the dead, _____ those with leprosy, and _____ out demons. _____ as freely as you have _____!

A Noun or a Verb? The word " _____ " appears approximately _____ times in the New Testament. It is used primarily in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. Here's a breakdown:

- **In the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John):** The term "disciple" refers mostly to the followers of Jesus, particularly the twelve disciples but also broader groups of followers. (**Matthew:** ~72 times, **Mark:** ~46 times, **Luke:** ~37 times, **John:** ~78 times)
- **In Acts:** "Disciple" continues to refer to followers of Jesus after His ascension, including many in the early Christian church. **Acts:** ~28 times
- **The Greek word** used is "**mathētēs**" (**μαθητής**) **mah-thay-TAYS**, which means learner, follower, Disciple or _____.



Apprentice is a _____ in which a learner is not just acquiring knowledge but is also being trained or mentored by a teacher or master, much like when one learns a trade or craft from a skilled expert. This aligns with the idea of being a disciple, where one learns by following and practicing under the guidance of a mentor. Thus, while "disciple" is the more common translation, "apprentice" more fully captures the hands-on, experiential aspect of the learning relationship inherent in "mathētēs."

- By way of contrast the word " _____ " appears only _____ times in the New Testament: **Acts 11:26** , **Acts 26:28** , **1 Peter 4:16**

In the New Testament followers of Jesus were known as _____ or _____ . It was not _____ they were _____ (a verb). It was _____ they _____ (a noun).

Why does it matter?



The Call Compare these two accounts of the same event: **Matt 4:19 – 22 / Luke 5:1-11**

What's different?

Why does it matter?

It may not be the _____ but if _____ we will _____.

Luke 9:23 (NLT) To be His follower (disciple), what three things does Jesus say we must do:

1. **Give up** _____ .
2. **Take up your** _____ .
3. _____ **Him.**



Journal – Listening for God

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me – John 10:27

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Bible



Journal



Key Point



Activation



Homework: Characteristics of a Disciple

Day 1: Attitude



1. Romans 12:11 (NLT) . . . serve the Lord _____.
2. 1 Peter 5:2 (NLT) . . . because you are _____ to serve God.
3. Titus 2:14 (NIV) . . . a people that are His very own, _____ to do _____.
4. Col 3:23 (NIV) _____ you _____, work at it with _____ your _____, as working for the _____.
5. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) _____ always, _____ continually, give _____ in all _____; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

What do these verses indicate about our attitude toward discipleship?

How would you describe your current attitude?



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal - Read Psalm 139:23-24

1. Ask God to search your heart, write down what He reveals to you.
2. What is your attitude toward Discipleship? Write it as a prayer of thanksgiving or a petition for more to God.



Activation

Memorize one of the Scriptures above. Write the scripture out below that you are memorizing this week:



Day 2: Love



1. John 13:34-35 (NIV) – What is the distinguishing mark of a disciple?

2. Matthew 22:34-40.
 - a. How are we to love God?
 - b. Besides God, who are the two we told to love?
3. Jesus said “all the law and prophets hang on these two commandments.” Read what Paul said in Romans 13:8-10. What’s the point?
4. 1 John 4:7-21 – List 10 things about love from this passage:
5. Summarize these verses:
 - a. 1 Corinthians 16:14
 - b. Ephesians 5:2
 - c. Colossians 3:14



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal What do you think is different about the heart, soul and mind in Matt. 22:37?



Activation: Love is the first fruit of the spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. In your journal write each of the fruits and ask God to share with you a way He wants to develop each of these fruits in your life. Just write the first thing that comes to mind when you ask Him (i.e. – “Lord how do you want to develop more patience in me?” I listen. I write down, “Patience - allowing God to control my responses when other drivers act in ways that I have previously not responded in a godly way to . . .”



Day 3: Obedience



1. John 8:31- 32 (NIV) If you _____, you are really my disciples.
 - a. What's the reward for this?
 - b. What does it mean to abide in His word?
2. Spend some time with John 14 and then answer these questions:
 - a. :6 Jesus said He is the _____, the _____ and the _____. What was this in response to?
 - b. :15 and :23 Jesus tells His disciples that if they love Him, they will:
 - c. Reading from chapter 14, how are they able to remember and do this?
3. James 1:22-25 – we are not just to listen or read the word, but what?
 - a. What does that mean?
4. Verse: 1 Peter 2:21 (NIV) To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an _____, that you should _____ in _____.



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal : In Luke 14: 25-35 Jesus places a high bar on being His disciple. Write in your Journal what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you about the point he was making.



Activation: A Disciple is not just a hearer, but a doer. As we begin our Discipleship Journey, ask God to reveal 5 things he is asking you to do:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Your Group Leaders have set up a group chat. Share your 5 things in the chat.



Day 4 Transformed:



1. 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV) But _____ in the _____ and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
2. Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)
 - a. :v12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be _____.
 - b. :v13 _____ we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and _____, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
 - c. :v15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will _____ to _____ in every respect the _____ body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

These verses indicate what?

3. In Romans 12:2 we are instructed to not conform to the pattern of this world, but instead to be?
4. One of the most powerful verses in the Bible about how to be transformed is 2 Corinthians 3:18. How does transformation occur?
5. Ezekiel 36:26-27 - God promises to transform us by giving us:
6. Philippians 1:6 – Who completed the good work begun in us:
7. Titus 3:5 – The work of renewal in us is whose?
8. 2 Corinthians 5:17 – In Christ we are what?



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal: “contemplate the Lord’s glory” 2 Cor. 3:18. Spend some time writing a letter to Jesus, thanking him for who He is, and who He is transforming you into.



Activation: Moses covered his face after being with God to protect the Israelites from a brilliance they were not prepared for. Jesus changed that and said that through Him the veil was taken away. Ask God to show someone that you can share his love with today through a kind deed, word, or other act of service. Share in your Group chat what you did.



Day 5: Fellowship



1. Acts 2:42 (NIV) What are three things the we are devote ourselves to?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Hebrews 10:24-25 – what is the value of meeting with other believers?
3. Proverbs 27:17 is often quoted in men’s ministries, what does it mean?
4. Romans 12:10 - How should we respond to each other?
5. Matthew 18:20 what is a benefit of being with other believers?
6. What are some other benefits according to these verses:
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - b. Galatians 6:2
 - c. Romans 12:4-5
 - d. James 5:16
 - e. Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10, and 12 (skipped 11 – we’ll leave that one to marriage ceremonies.)



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal: In John 15:15 Jesus calls us friends. Spend some time writing what it means to be a friend of God and a godly friend to other men.



Activation: Text someone from your group today and ask them what you can pray for them about today and how you can help them on their Discipleship journey.



Day 6: BEAR FRUIT



1. John 15:5 (NIV)- I am the vine; you are the branches. If you _____ in _____ and I in you, you will _____ much _____; apart from me you can do _____."

3. John 15:8 (NIV) - This is to my Father's _____, that you _____ much _____, showing yourselves to be my _____.

Fruits are Internal (see Day 2 Activation) and External what are some examples of External Fruit:

4. Matthew 28:19
5. Matthew 5:14-16
6. 2 Corinthians 5:20
7. 2 Timothy 2:2
8. Matthew 25:35-36, 40
9. 1 John 3:17-18
10. James 1:27



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal: Who it was that helped you get to where you are in Christ. Write their names in your journal and describe what they did and what you'd like to emulate in how you help others.



Activation: Matt 10:8 tells us to give as freely as we have received. Over the next year you will be receiving. Ask the Holy Spirit who you should be pouring into as you receive. Write down the names and at least one thing you can do this week to pour into them.



Day 7: POWER



1. Acts 1:8 (NIV) *But you will receive _____ when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the _____.*"

2. Mark 16:15-18 (NIV) What accompanies believers?
3. John 14:12 (NIV) Anyone who believes in Jesus will do what?
4. What was going on in Acts 19:11-12?

What's the purpose:

5. John 10:37 (NIV) If I don't do the works of God, _____
6. John 10:38 (NIV) What did the works Jesus demonstrate?
7. John 4:48 – unless you see _____
8. John 20:30-31: Why the Miraculous?
9. Romans 15:18-19 - what did Paul do to help Gentiles believe / follow Jesus?
10. Acts 1:8 – Power for What?
11. 1 Thes 1:4-8 – not only with words, but with _____



Key Point: A Characteristic of a disciple is:



Journal Follow, Believe, Move in Power - why? Write in your journal why you think God wants His Disciples to operate in Signs and Wonders.



Activation: Read Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (Eph.3:14-21). There's a lot in there. In verse 20 Pauls says He can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." Considering the power, the Holy Spirit, that is at work within you, and His desire for us to operate in Signs and Wonders as we read above, dream a little with God. What kinds of things can you imagine him doing through you – Dream big? Write it here.

Then pray asking God to let it be so. If you are having trouble really believing that He will, tell Him that too. Have an honest conversation with God about it.

