

DISCIPLESHIP

Introduction: Acts 11:19-26"

- A. Disciple = Christian
- B. Christian - Disciple
- C. Therefore Disciple Christian Saved.

- D. The word "Christian" only occurs 3 times in the New Testament and was a negative label used by unsaved when referring to the disciples. (1 Peter 4:16)

- E. The word "Disciple" occurs over 270 times in the New Testament.

- F. "Disciple" = in the New Testament,
 - 1. learner, pupil, student
 - 2. apprentice
 - 3. follower or slave or servant
 - 4. one who "disciplines" himself under the direction of another, (Jesus).

- C. Why is it that most religious people would call themselves "Christians" rather than "Disciples"?

I. Mark 1:14-18; John 1:35-46

- A. Calling of the Disciples
 - 1. Jesus first went to them
 - 2. Then He called them to follow and come and see
 - 3. I will make you fishers of men (purpose)
 - 4. They followed-Immediately!!

II. Luke 9:23-26

- A. To follow Jesus we must go through a continual and complete self denial.
- B. Carry your own cross to crucifixion (daily)
- c. We must be willing to lose our life for Christ to be saved.
- D. Gain the world-lose your soul
- E. We must not be ashamed of Christ.

III. Luke 14:25-33—If anyone comes to me, Matthew 10:34-39

- A. Must love Jesus more than all family and friends
- B. We must lead a crucified life
- C. V.28-30 we must count the cost
- D. We must give up everything we have!

IV. Luke 11:1-4

- A. Disciples must be taught to pray. They obviously saw the strength Jesus gained from His prayerlife.
- B. V.3—we must have a daily relationship with God.

V. Matthew 28:18-20

- A. Jesus has all authority
- B. Go = command
- C. Make disciples
 - 1. disciples are made --they don't just happen

Discipleship Notes by Kent Field

- Mk 1:14 Jesus' example - went preaching
1:17 How to call disciples
1:18,19 How to respond to the call
1:31 How to respond to Jesus' healing (service)
1:44-45 1. Jesus gave orders
2. One helped did not listen
3. Results - He couldn't preach as freely.
2:14 The call and Levi follows
2:21-22 Discipleship in a fresh environment (new patch, new wine)
3:7 Withdrawing with His disciples
3:13-18 Selection and purpose of disciples
3:24 Need for United discipleship.
3:31-35 Discipleship and the family of God
4:13 "Don't you understand?"-- expected
4:34 Explain everything to our disciples
4:35 Leading our disciples --"Let's go"
4:40 Challenging the faith of the disciples
5:18-20 Don't let everyone be your disciple
5:37 Specific selection of key disciples
6:6b Giving disciples an example of evangelism
6:7-11 How to send out disciples.
6:30 Disciples reporting back to Jesus on what they had done.
6:31 Need to give disciples a vacation after evangelizing (rest)
6:36-44 1. Disciples see a need and say so
2. Jesus said fill that need!
3. "It'll cost too much!"
4. "Use what you have!"
5. Jesus provided, yet worked through the disciples.
6:45 A teacher can "make" his disciples do certain things.
7:5-13 Our disciples should follow the Bible rather than brotherhood traditions.
7:18-19 How to get through a thick skulled disciple: 1) reproof
2) explanation
8:1-9 He uses disciples to do the job again
8:14-21 Sometimes we really need to reprove our disciples! about their not understanding.
8:32 Proper way for a disciple to rebuke his teacher.
8:33-38 A proper way to respond when warranted
9:2 ff Specific selection of disciples again
9:28 Proper way to talk with your teacher
9:29 Recommendations for prayer and fasting.
9:30-31 The need for private teaching sessions with the disciples.
9:33-35 Typical argument among disciples and the right answer to give -- servant of all.
9:38-40 More on jealousy of disciples of other disciples.
9:42-50 The cost of discipleship - weeding out sin.
10:17-23 The rich young ruler and the cost of discipleship.
10:28-31 The rewards of discipleship - a new family!
10:32 The need to warn disciples about the future.
10:41-45 Being a leader doesn't mean having authority, but rather being the servant of all.
13:3 Jesus showed a special interest in those who showed a special interest.
13:13 Disciples need to stand firm to the end.
13:17 Jesus shows sensitivity to the special needs of pregnant and nursing women!

- Mk 13:33 Warning disciples to be on the alert.
- 14:9-11 Betrayal of a disciple motivated by greed and a resentment of being rebuked (Judas).
- 14:27-31 Don't trust the self-professed loyalty of disciples.
- 14:32-38 The need for support and presence of disciples.
- 14:38-42 Expect the disciples to do without sleep for a good cause and verbally say so, reprove them.
- 14:44 A disciple may even betray you with an act of love.
- 14:51 The weak disciples will run away naked.
- 15:41 Women disciples were with Him. (Luke 8:1-3)
- 16:7 Making a distinction between Peter and the other disciples.
- 16:14 Rebuke disciples for their lack of faith and refusal to believe.
- 16:15-20 Jesus said "GO!" The disciples went, they preached, everywhere - the Lord worked with them - showing His power in His word!
- Luke 3:8- Demand fruit worthy of repentance
- 5:16 The often need of a leader is to pray alone
- 5:27-29 The call of Matthew and the great party he gave for Jesus in appreciation.
- 5:36-39 a new disciple and an old environment will not mix well
- 6:12-16 How to prepare to select disciples - spend all night praying and call them to you.
- 6:17 a larger sphere of His disciples; besides the 12.
- 6:38 the need for a disciple to give to receive his reward.
- 6:39 a disciple is to become just like his teacher.
- 6:41-45 Getting qualified to help others.
- 7:28 The need to act the part of being great in the Kingdom.
- 7:41-50 Recognize publically the humble attitude of a disciple.
- 7:11-15 How to read the heart of a true disciple
- 8:19-21 Discipleship and the Christian family
- 8:25 Ask your disciples where their faith is
- 8:38-39 Don't always say yes to those who would volunteer to be your disciple.
- 9:1-5 How to send out your disciples
- 9:10 The need for disciples to report back progress
- 9:13 The need for private prayer sessions with disciples
- 9:13 Private prayer sessions are a good time to ask pointed questions
- 9:23-27 The cost of discipleship, following Jesus.
- 9:41 Openly rebuking disciples for their lack of faith.
- 9:46-50 How to respond to jealousy and pride of disciples
- 9:57-62 How to call disciples and the cost of following
- 10:1-2 A greater sphere of discipleship (72 others)
- 10:3-20 How to send out our disciples
- 10:41-42 How to deal with worriers and complaining.
- 10:41-42 Spiritual vs. physical service of Christ.
- 11:23 If you're not with your teacher, you're against him
- 11:24-28 Disciples need to fill our lives with good!
- 12:16-21 What's Important in the Life of a disciple
- 12:22-31 Worry for physical things should not affect us.
- 12:35-40 The readiness of a good disciple
- 12:42-46 The need to be ready and working as a disciple
- 12:48 How to know how much to require of disciples
- 12:49-53 Discipleship to Jesus brings division

- Luke 14:25-35 The Cost of discipleship - family and life.
 16:13-15 A disciple will serve money or God, not both.
 17:1-4 Never cause another to sin, yet confront their sin.
 17:9-10 The true disciple's attitude, "Our duty!"
 17:11-19 It's okay to expect gratitude of those we help.
 18:1 Teach disciples to pray and not give up - using parables
 18:22-29 The cost and rewards of discipleship
 19:8-10 Praising commitment and intention of a disciple
 21:17-19 Teach our disciples to stand firm
 22:26 The way to greatness in discipleship-- service!
 22:61-62 Telling a disciple "I told you so!"
- Matt 4:4 A true disciple knows he lives on God's word.
 4:19-22 The intent of discipleship and its call - fish for men.
 5:19 We are the ones who are to both teach and practice commandments of God
 6:1 Don't be a righteous disciple just to be seen by men.
 6:19-29 The spiritual emphasis of a disciple, not physical.
 6:25-39 A disciple should not worry about life.
 7:1 What you expect from others will be expected from you
 8:15 The disciples proper response to help from a teacher.
 8:19-22 How to reply to those who volunteer discipleship.
 8:26 "You of little faith!" can be a proper response.
 9:9-10 The call of Matthew to discipleship.
 9:16,17 new and old garments and wine.
 9:19 Disciples need to follow their teachers' lead.
 10:1 Call and give authority to disciples sent out
 10:5-10 How to send out disciples to preach
 10:24 A disciple is not above his teacher
 10:33-39 Cost of being a worthy disciple
 11:1 Instruct disciples, then go practice it yourself
 12:25 The need for unity in discipleship
 12:30 If you're not with discipleship, you're against it
 12:36-37 Disciples need to watch their words
 12:43-45 Disciples need to occupy their time with Godliness
 12:48-50 Discipleship and the new family
 13:12 Expect more from those who have abilities
 13:44-45 How to read the thankful person
 14:15-27 Working in faith with what God gives you
 14:22-24 Disciples sometimes need to be made to do things
 14:31 Rebuking a lack of faith
 15:9 Discipleship does not involve man-made rules
 15:16 "Are you still so dull?"-- A valid question
 16:6 The need to warn our disciples
 16:8-11 Need to reprove a lack of faith
 16:22-27 Making a disciple's reproof public
 17:1-3 Three special disciples and Jesus gave Peter six days to repent from 16:22-27. We need to forgive like that.
 17:17-21 Rebuking them for their lack of faith
 17:27 Try to avoid offending tax collectors
 18:1-5 The proper answer to questions of greatness, like children
 18:6-9 The cost of discipleship
 18:10-14 The concern for each individual disciple
 19:14 Disciples are to be like children
 19:21-24 Wealth gets in the way of discipleship

Matt 19:27-30 Rewards of discipleship, new family
 20:7-16 Parables of envy among disciples. Don't be jealous
 20:17 Take your disciples aside to talk to them
 20:24-28 How to deal with jealousy and greatness among disciples
 20:34 Gratitude should be the motivation for all disciples
 21:6 A disciple does as his teacher instructs him
 21:23-27 Example of how to deal with challenges
 22:11-14 Disciples must be adequately prepared for service or
 appropriately dressed (attitude).
 23:3-4 Those not qualified to disciple other
 23:8-10 No titles in Christ! Don't call a man teacher!
 23:11-12 The way to greatness in Jesus and discipleship
 24:9-13 Warning disciples about reaction to their discipleship
 24:19 Understand the special burden of pregnant or nursing women
 24:42-51 A true disciple must be ready!
 25:15-30 Disciples are expected to yield faithful productivity.
 25:41-46 Discipleship means doing.
 26:14-15 Reaction of a disciple that doesn't like correction.
 26:30 Singing a hymn with disciples
 26:33-35 Don't trust in promises of disciples
 26:36-46 A teacher's need-to have disciples watch & pray
 26:40-41 Verbalizing your expectations and disappointment
 26:75 The need for loyalty of disciples
 27:3-5 The ultimate disappointment of the disloyal!
 27:55-56 Female disciples to care for needs
 27:57 Even the rich can become disciples
 28:18-20 Go make disciples of all the nations.

John 1:35-39 Some were John's disciples first } they were tested.
 1:40-46 Discipleship's call is a "come and see" evangelistic one.
 4:1-2 Jesus had His disciples do the baptizing.
 4:13-14 A discipleship test as to what they are drinking
 4:34 The attitude and job of a true disciple - "do my job!"
 5:44 Disciples to make effort to obtain praise from God!
 6:5-6 Asking a question for the purpose of testing.
 6:27-29 The work of a disciple is to believe.
 6:35 A true disciple is never hungry or thirsty.
 6:39 It is God's will not to lose any of those we disciple.
 6:60-61 Face our disciples when they grumble, are offended, and
 can't accept something.
 6:66-69 Some disciples deserted, others had good attitude of
 where else can we go? Making stiff demands on our
 disciples.
 8:29 A disciple always does what pleases his master.
 8:31-32 If you are a true disciple, then you will hold to the
 teaching.
 8:37 Reaction of those with no room for Christ's Word.
 9:4-5 We must do the work of the Father in the "day!"
 10:3-4 A true disciple hears and follows his teachers voice.
 10:11-16 A discipler must sacrifice himself for his disciples.
 11:5, 36 Jesus loved His disciples.
 11:16 Disciples should have a willingness to die with their
 teacher.
 12:4-6 Some disciples only pretend to be disciples.
 12:23-26 A true servant will follow his master anywhere.

John 13:6-9 Giving disciples an example of service and giving certain disciples an ultimatum.
 13:12 Making sure they understand.
 13:14-17 Telling your disciples that you are giving an example.
 13:14-17 No servant is greater than his teacher.
 13:34 Others will know we are disciples of Christ by our love.
 14:21 Discipleship and the love of Christ.
 14:23-24 We can be His disciples without personally seeing Him.
 14:30-31 Disciples do exactly as they are commanded.
 15:8-14 Evangelism is the proof of discipleship.
 15:18-25 The world must hate true disciples.
 16:1-2 The need to warn our disciples.
 16:4-5 Only warn them for when you'll be away from them.
 16:33 The need to give encouragement to disciples.
 17:4 Bring glory to God by doing work given to do.
 17:9-10 Total commitment of Christ's discipleship.
 17:12 Some "disciples" could really be a "child of hell".
 17:14 The world hates discipleship to Jesus.
 18:2 Have a special meeting place for disciples.
 19:38 Jesus allowed secret disciples for fear!
 20:25-29 Jesus called "challenging"--> doubt and unbelief.
 21:5-6 Illustration of obedient discipleship for fruitful evangelism.
 21:15-19 Challenging others to love and discipleship.
 21:19 Again, the call to discipleship-Follow.
 21:20-23 Each disciple need only worry about themself.

Acts 1:2 Giving instructions to chosen disciples.
 1:20 Principle of replacing disciples who leave.
 2:42-46 Continuing steadfastly in Christian fellowship.
 4:20 Disciples will speak what they see and hear.
 4:32,34 Truly giving up worldly possessions in discipleship.
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 5:3-4 The need for true discipleship or you lie to God.
 9:16 A disciple will suffer much for Christ's name.
 9:19-20 Spend time with other disciples & preach right away.
 11:23 The need to encourage disciples to remain true to Lord.
 13:22 A disciple does all God wants him to do.
 14:22 Strengthening and encouraging to remain true to faith.
 14:28 Staying a long time with the disciples.
 15:22 Leaders among brothers
 16:1-3 The calling of Timothy, well recommended
 17:11 noble character and great eagerness for Bible
 9:25 Paul had disciples
 9:26ff Paul had to be recommended to be accepted
 17:34 Paul had followers or disciples
 18:23 Strengthening all the disciples
 18:26 The need to train and accept training--humble
 19:1ff Disciples - But not Christians
 19:9,10 Two year discipling plan -- on the job training.
 * 19:22 Disciples are also personal helpers
 20:1 Sending for your disciples and encouraging
 20:23 nothing more important than finishing the race and completing the task the Lord has given you!

- Acts 20:29-30 Watch out for power-hungry disciples
 20:35 In everything we do, we must show ourselves faithful
 21:4-5,11 Disobedient, bad example of Paul
 21:24-26 Paul humbles himself as a disciple
 22:15 Disciples are to be witnesses of what seen and heard.
 24:16 Strive to keep my conscience clean
 26:32 A disciple is one who chooses his chains.
- Rom. 2:4 Don't show contempt for God's Kingdom - change your life!
 2:7 Persistently seek glory, honor, immortality
 2:17-23 Getting qualified to disciple others
 6:4 Discipleship is a new life
 6:7 A disciple is dead and freed from sin.
 6:10-11 Count ourselves alive to God in Jesus.
 6:19 Slavery to righteousness and holiness.
 8:9 Disciple is not controlled by sinful nature.
 8:29-30 God's reason for calling us.
 8:35-39 Nothing can separate us from God's love.
 11:20-21 Do not be arrogant or God will break you off
 12:1-3 A disciple must go through a mind renewal.
 12:6-8 Leadership and teaching are gifts from God.
 12:9-11 Serve the Lord to keep your zeal for Him.
 12:17 Do what is right in everyone's sight.
 13:3 Leadership and obedience principles
 15:14 Disciples should be confident to instruct one another.
 * 15:27 Disciples should show physical gratitude for spiritual.
 16:12-13 Female disciples work hard in Lord.
- 1 Corinthians
 3:1-4 Discipleship and immaturity and how to address it
 3:11-15 Differing quality of disciples in building churches
 4:11-13 A disciple's life in this world.
 4:14-16 The need to imitate our spiritual parent
 7:28-31 Struggles of family life against discipleship
 7:32-35 How marriage can be a distraction from our total devotion to Christ.
 9:1 Church building is also a man's work
 * 9:6-12 Disciples ought to support their teachers
 9:24-27 How to reach for the goal or prize of a disciple
 10:1 The need for a living example to follow.
 12:7-11 Specialized ministries of disciples in Body
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 15:30-32 Resurrection is the only reason for discipleship.
 15:58 Encourage our disciples to always give themselves fully to the work of the Lord. Know it's worth it!
 * 16:15-16 Submitting ourselves to those in service of saints.
 16:18 Learn to give men in church recognition
- 2 Corinthians
 1:23 Need to sometimes spare disciple's grief
 1:24 Work with them for their joy
 2:1-4 True deep love really hurts sometimes
 4:17-18 Disciples need to have a heavenly vision!
 7:1 Striving for perfection out of reverence for God.

7:8-10 The need to produce Godly sorrow in our disciples
 7:15 Disciple/Discipler affection increases with fear & trembling
 8:8 Using the faith of some to motivate others.
 8:22 Disciples must often be proven zealous
 12:9-10 A true disciple's strength is in Christ
 13:1-3 Promising to deal firmly with our disciples
 13:11 "Aim for perfection!"

Galatians

2:2 Paul was even willing to submit his doctrine to inspection
 2:11-14 Public rebuke of a public sin; even an apostle
 4:10-11 Verbalize concern of wasted time on disciples.
 4:19-20 Share your anguish with our disciples over them
 5:6 The only thing that counts is faith in love!
 6:1-2 Use the spiritual to restore others and disciples need to help each other along.
 6:4 Disciples should not compare themselves with each other
 6:7-10 The need to support our disciplers.

Ephesians

4:1-3 The need for unity in bond of peace.
 4:11-13 Different ministries and levels of responsibility
 4:16 Each disciple is to do their own work
 4:17 We can insist on the way our disciples live
 * 4:23-24 The need for disciples to have a new attitude
 4:29,5:3-4 The proper talk of a disciple
 5:15-16 Disciples are to live wisely
 5:1-4 We even need to disciple our children.
 6:5-8 The discipleship of the Lord's slave.

Philippians

1:6 Allow Christ to complete His good work in us.
 1:20 Need for courage in our life to exalt Christ
 2:3 Disciples should never be selfish or have conceited ambition.
 2:12,13 We must work for God to work to save us
 2:20-22 Disciples must have a genuine interest.
 2:22 Apprentice program in training disciples.
 2:23 Send our disciples to do a job
 2:29-30 The proper way to welcome a worker in Jesus
 3:7-8 A disciple counts his past life as loss, because they want to know Jesus (v.10).
 3:10-11 True desires of a disciple.
 3:13-14 Pressing and straining forward for the goal.
 3:17 Imitating the example of those who are fruitful.
 4:9 The way a disciple is to follow a man's example

Colossians

1:10 Living worthy = bearing fruit and growing in knowledge
 3:1-4 Concentrate on things above (spiritual)
 3:7-14 The life of a true disciple
 3:23 The effort and rewards of a disciple

1 Thessalonians

- 1:3 Work is produced by faith and love and hope
1:5-8 The need for living examples to imitate.
* 2:14 We should even imitate fruitful churches.
2:8-12 The example of how to live and encourage disciples
* 4:1 Discip^ler must instruct others how to live
5:6-8 Disciples are alert, self-controlled.
* 5:12-13 Disciples need to respect and hold in the highest regard their disciplers.

2 Thessalonians

- 3:7 We ought to follow men's example
* 3:9 Disciples ought to follow the model of discipler

1 Timothy

- 4:7 We can disciple or train ourselves
4:11-12 Command, teach, and be an example

2 Timothy

- 1:7 We also need to discipline ourselves
2:2 Who we are to specifically disciple
3:12-13 Persecution awaits faithful disciples
3:14 Continuing in what we've been taught
* 3:16 Use the Bible in all phases of discipleship
4:2 Correct, rebuke, and encourage
1:15; Love of world causes desertion of discipleship
4:10

Philemon

- 1:8 We could order people, but should appeal in love
* 1:11 A disciple soon becomes useful in service
1:16 A brother is better than a slave
1:19-20 Disciples owe their disciplers their lives.
1:22 Requesting hospitality of our disciples.

Hebrews

- 2:11 Discipleship and God's family
5:7-10 The example of Christ's self-sacrifice
5:11-14 Milk and solid foods of disciples
6:11-12 Imitate the faithful in Christ
10:23-25 Stimulating and spurring one another
12:5-12 God's discipleship approach uses serious discipline
12:11 Rewards of severe discipline
12:14 We must make every effort
13:7 Remember and imitate the faith of your leaders.
13:17 Obey, submit, and recognize authority.

James

- 1:2-4 The progress in the life of a disciple
1:5-6 Pray for wisdom in discipling self and others
1:12 The reward of discipleship
1:18 The preeminent position of a disciple
1:19-21 Only slow to anger are humble to accept the Word
1:22-25 We must practice what we preach.
1:27 The pure exercise of discipleship
2:12-13 The need to judge with mercy.
2:14ff Faith without deeds is useless.

- 3:1 Teachers fall under a stricter judgment.
3:11-12 Disciples are to be consistant in their speech
3:13 Deeds of humility from wisdom.
3:17-18 Disciples' wisdom from above--submissive
4:4 Friendship with world = enemy of God.
4:7-10 How to overcome Satan and temptation
5:16 Confession and prayer for healing
- 1 Pet. 1:2 We are sanctified by the Spirit for obedience
1:7-9 Faith must be tested and proven to receive goal.
1:13-17 Prepare our minds for action--obedience
1:22 Disciples must purify themselves by obeying
2:2-3 True disciples will crave the Word to grow
2:13 Submission to human authority
2:16-18 Slaves of God will be slaves of men in love
2:21 Follow in the suffering example of Christ.
3:1-7 Terms of discipleship for wives and husbands
4:1-2 An attitude of no more human desires
4:7 Clearminded and self-controlled in order to pray
4:10 Each one should faithfully use their gift to serve other Christians
4:16 Not to be ashamed of being and suffering as a Christian
5:3 Even elders are to be living examples.
5:6-8 Discipleship is humble alertness, casting anxiety on Jesus being self-controlled
5:12 Disciples need to stand firm
- 2 Pet. 1:3-4 Godliness in partaking in divine nature.
1:5-9 The way to effective and productive discipleship
1:10 Make effort to walk worthy of our calling
1:12-15 Discipling others means reminding them and refreshing their memory
2:7-9 A true disciple should be tormented by the world around him; attitude!
2:19 A man is a slave of whatever has mastered him.
3:1-2 More need to remind our disciples of right thinking
3:11-12 Live in such a way as looking forward to God's arrival.
3:14 Discipleship means making effort to be right
3:17 Be on our guard not to drift away
3:18 Grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus
- 1 Jno. 2:1 Encouraging others not to sin
2:3-4 How to be sure we know Jesus
2:6 Walking like Jesus to prove we live in Him
2:15 True disciples can't love the world or anything in it
3:3 Self discipleship or self-purification
- 3 Jno. 9-10 Publicly calling attention to a person's sin
11 We need to teach disciples to imitate what is good and not what is evil - be selective
- Jude 22-23 How to mercifully deal with disciples

Revelation

- 2:1-6 You can be a disciple of doctrine without Jesus!
2:10 Faithfulness to the point of death
2:12-16 Faithfulness without right doctrine = death!
2:18-25 We must not tolerate sin in our disciples
3:1-6 Discipleship is an ongoing thing and can't exist
on a past reputation
3:14-20 The firm way we warn those we love
7:15 The faithful are disciples into eternity.