

# Called to Discipleship

## Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore<sup>[c]</sup> and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen

## (Abby/Nathan Story III)

***"Discipleship is a lot like that experience." It can be really messy and requires time, but if you do not give up, it turns out good in the end.***

**\*Jesus has called us to be His Disciples and help make Disciples.**

## What is the definition of a Disciple?

- a person who is a pupil or an adherent of the doctrines of another
- any follower of Christ
- one who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another.
- \*Ship: -state of being

**Discipleship: the state of being a follower (*pupil or student*) of Christ, embracing His teachings, and assisting in spreading them to others.**

## What are the Core Components of Discipleship?

1. The Discipleship process MUST be based on the teachings of Jesus.
  - a. Refer to verse 20
  - b. If not Him, then who?
  - c. Discuss the danger of "throwing one teaching away..."
2. Discipleship occurs as we share life.
  - a. We share our lives with God; in a relationship with Him, as we consider Him. **(Gnarus III)**
  - b. As we share our lives with each other: in relationships, as we consider each other. **(Men's Group III)**
  - c. "Sharing Life" is a life long process. **(Church Hopping III)**
3. Discipleship requires "Modeling."
  - a. The example of Jesus...
  - b. My example as a pastor...
  - c. Your example to your circle of influence... (\*Your best sermon will NEVER be preached from behind a pulpit.) -so where are your sermons being preached?
  - d. \*Your Family **(Burnt Chicken III)**

4. The Discipleship "process" must be covered in **Love** and **Forgiveness**.
  - a. NONE of us are perfect; we ALL need love and forgiveness. (Abby/Nathan III)
  - b. I need your love and forgiveness, you need mine. *-This principle is reciprocal in ALL successful relationships.*
  - c. Obviously, we need God's love and forgiveness.
  
5. The Discipleship process involves **Accountability** but NOT **Manipulation**.
  - a. **Accountability**: subject to the obligation to report, explain, or justify something; responsible; answerable.
  - b. **Manipulation**: To move, arrange, operate, or control by the hands or by mechanical means, especially in a skillful manner
  - c. \*In the discipleship process, we submit ourselves to God and each other to be responsible and answerable. However, we do not control each other. AND, God does not control us.
  - d. \*We willingly, **"Submit to the Process"** together.

\*Side note: be careful of people who attempt to manipulate you;  
MANIPULATION IS NOT OF GOD.
  
6. True Discipleship, will **TOUCH EVERY AREA** of our lives.
  - a. You "ARE" who you are in "RELATIONSHIP" with.  
**("Hanging Out" with the Wrong Crowd III)**
  - b. Examples for Eric
    - i. -(My Relationship with Amy III)
    - ii. -(My Relationship with HP Congregation III)
    - iii. -(My Relationship with God III)
    - iv. All of these relationships have affected me and changed me.
  - c. **(The Disciples Relationship with Jesus III)**
  - d. **(\*YOUR relationship with God III\*)**
  
7. We must Trust God to facilitate our Discipleship; and be willing to **YIELD** to His **SPIRIT** and **PROCESS**.
  - a. Trust God with your Discipleship.
  - b. Trust God to use you to disciple others.
  - c. Think about Peter and the other disciples.
  - d. **(From 16 to Now III)**

**Father,**  
**I trust you with my discipleship**  
**I willingly submit to the process**  
**I give you permission to touch every area of my life**  
**Please help me to consider you and others in my daily life**  
**And thank you, in advance, for your love and forgiveness when I stumble**  
**In Jesus Name**  
**-Amen.**