

“Come follow me,”
Jesus said, “and I will make you
fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

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follows Christ
in word and deed.



WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A disciple is someone who follows Christ in word and deed.

Disciple. The word has been used for centuries in cities and churches around the world. Let's take a look at what the Bible says a disciple truly is.

Shares Their Story

- Disciples tell others how God has changed their lives.
- This is a call for every believer.
- The most effective way to accomplish the Great Commission is by reaching our own circle of influence with the Gospel.

The Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 NASB



Cares for others

- Disciples love God and their neighbors...their actual neighbors!
 - We don't love people to convert them. We love them because we are converted.
 - Disciples are people who put the compassion of Jesus on display by the way we love each other.
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Reads the Bible

- Disciples dwell and meditate on the Word of God.
 - "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."
2 Timothy 3:16 NASB
 - Disciples understand the world through the Word.
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Devotes time to prayer

- Disciples pray like Jesus.
- Pray that God would be first. - "Hallowed be Your name."
- Pray that God would use us in kingdom work. - "Your Kingdom come."
- Pray for the faith to trust God's will. - "Your will be done."

Devotes time to prayer - (continued)

- Pray for daily provision. - "Give us our daily bread."
 - Pray for forgiveness. - "Forgive our debts."
 - Pray for strength to live righteously. - "Lead us not into temptation."
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Prioritizes the local church

- Disciples understand and greatly value the gathering of the saints.
 - Take part in prayer, preaching, worship, and the ordinances of the church through the Lord's Supper and Baptism.
 - Possesses a high view of time spent with believers away from the church and authentic living.
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Lives generously

- Disciples leverage every resource for the Kingdom of God.
- Freely give of their time, talents and treasure by investing in Kingdom purposes.
- "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7 NASB