

THE METHODIST CHURCH BETHELCIRCUIT

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TEACHING SERVICE

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**Come, follow me,
Jesus said
and I will
send you out
to**

fish for people

Matthew 4:19

DEFINING **DISCIPLESHIP** AND **DISCIPLE**

- **GRK WORD MATHETES. THIS REFERS TO ONE WHO IS:**
 - A STUDENT
 - APPRENTICE
 - PUPIL
 - ADHERENT

Meaning of "Disciple"

Μαθητής – mathētēs

math-ay-tes'

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The word does not appear , however the concept is there in Isaiah 8:16, 50:4
Words used mean follower, to learn or instruct, and to have a willing, listening and obedient heart

WHY DISCIPLESHIP



- IT IS THE COMMAND OF JESUS
MATTHEW 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW GOD- ROMANS 10:14 -17

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶ But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

- JOHN 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

HELPS THE BELIEVER TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH

PHILIPPIANS 1:6,

⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 3:18

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

- TRANSFORMS THE BELIEVER- ROM.12:1-2

The New Life in Christ

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- REVITALIZES THE CHURCH- ACTS 11:21-26

²¹ **THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS WITH THEM**, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²² News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the **GRACE OF GOD**, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to **REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD WITH STEADFAST DEVOTION**; ²⁴ for he was **A GOOD MAN, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OF FAITH**. And **A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT TO THE LORD**. ²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they **MET WITH THE CHURCH AND TAUGHT A GREAT MANY PEOPLE**, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

Discipleship Is A Process Of Becoming Like Christ In Our: Nature, Character, Values, Purpose

Loving-kindness
Forgiveness
Service
Joyfulness
Unjudgmental
Calm



Peaceable
Woriless
Gracious
Guileless
Holy
Genuine

Discipleship Is A Process Of Becoming Like Christ In Our:

THOUGHTS

KNOWLEDGE

ATTITUDES

WILL



NB: DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT A PROGRAM OR EVENT. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE

QUALITIES OF A DISCIPLE

- COMMITMENT-LK.14:26

²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

- HUMILITY- MT.23:11

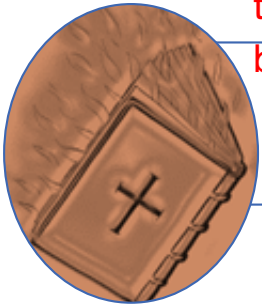
¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

QUALITIES OF A DISCIPLE



SUBMISSION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT-JN:14:16-17

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, ^[a] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in ^[a] you.



IS CONTROLLED BY THE WORD OF GOD – JN.8:31-32

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”



LIVES A LIFE OF HOLINESS- 1PET.1:15-16

¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

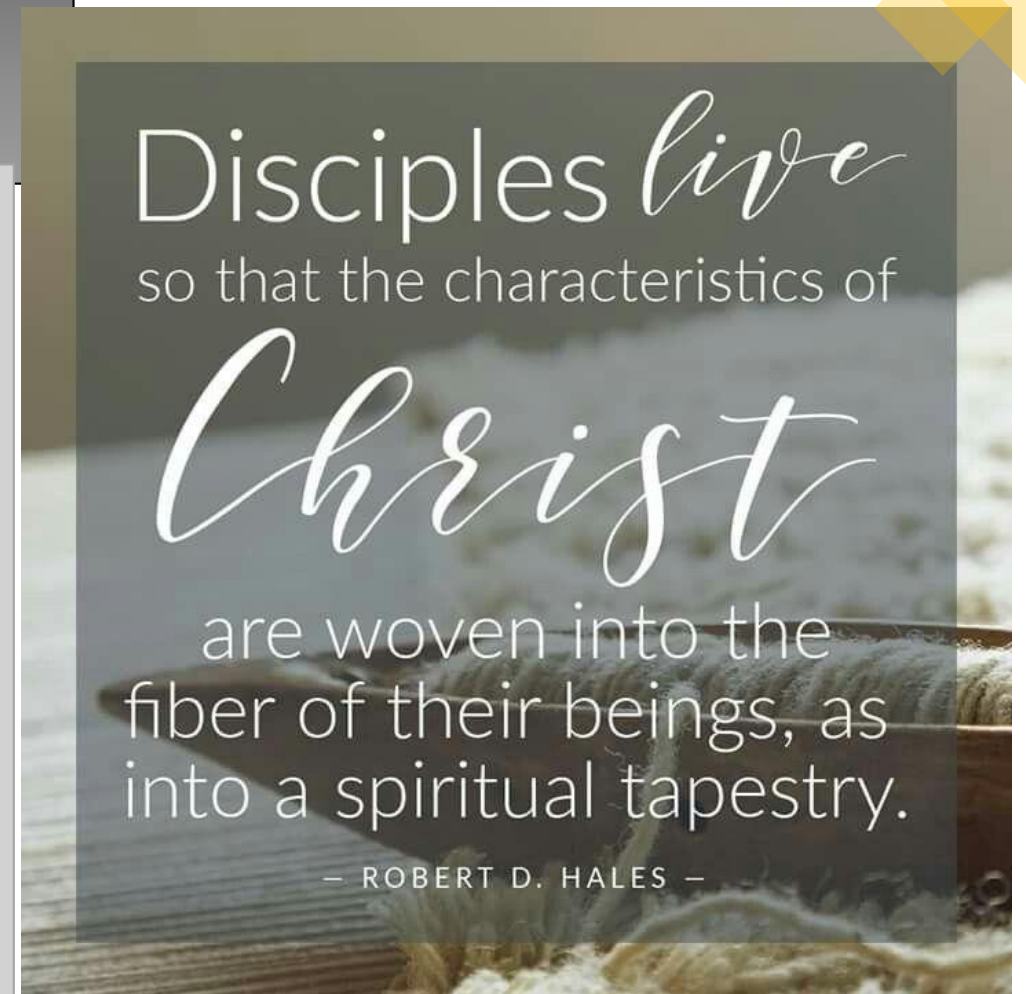


LIVES WITH PURPOSE- EPHE.1:11-12

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, ^[a] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

QUALITIES OF A DISCIPLE

- INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY- ACTS2:42
 - ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- BEARS FRUIT-JN.15:4-8;16
 - ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples.

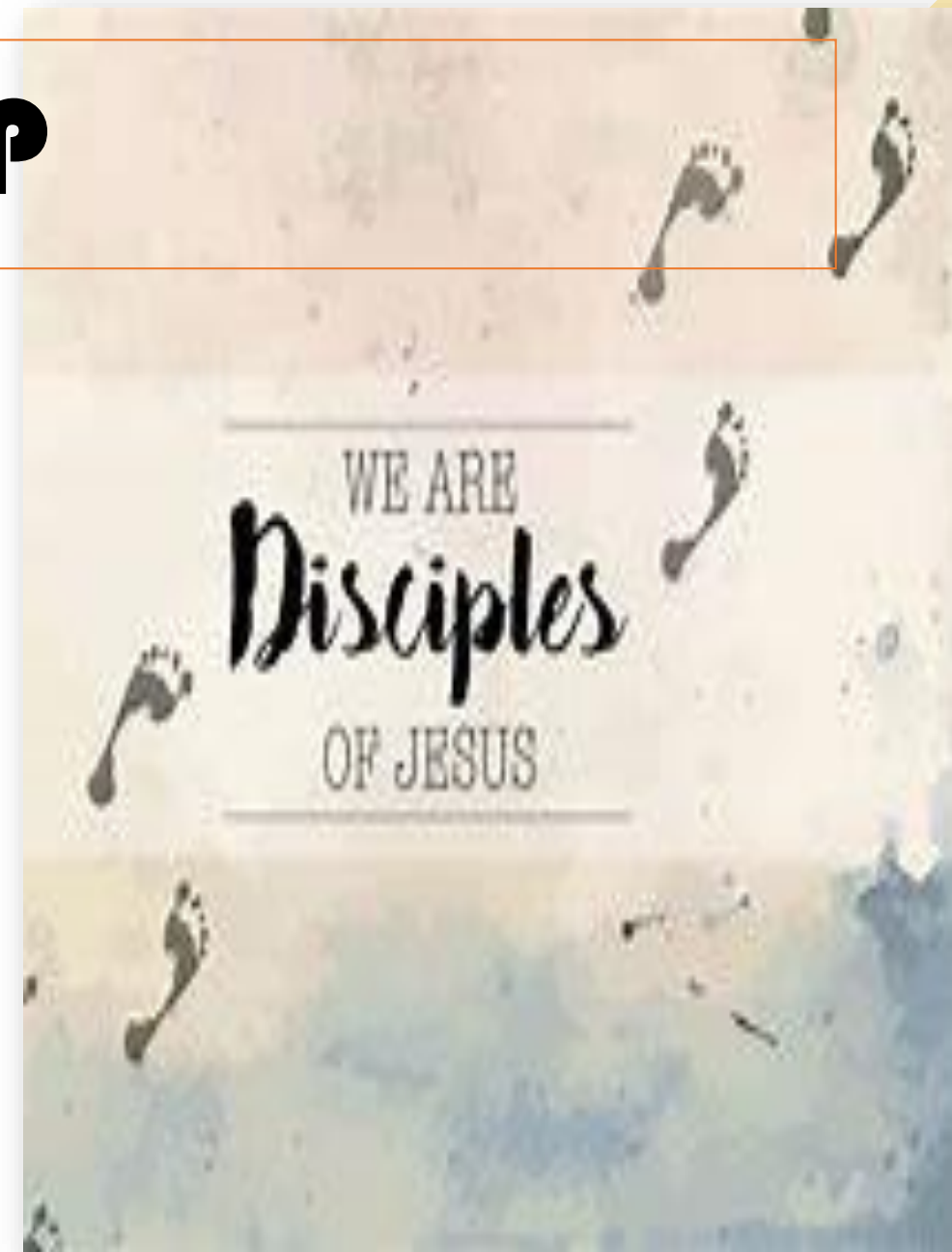


“ EVERY DISCIPLE IS A BELIEVER, BUT NOT EVERY BELIEVER A DISCIPLE”. (. YOUR THOUGHTS/COMMENTS)

TYPES OF DISCIPLESHIP

It Has Been Suggested That Four(4) Types Can Be Identified

- PETER
- JOHN
- PAUL
- JAMES



DISCIPLESHIP IS :

SUMMARY

- A CALL: MK.3:14 1COR.1:9
- A CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS: MT.16:25, LK.9:23-24
- TO MAKE DISCIPLES : MT.4:19; MK1:17; MT.28:18-20; ACTS1:8
- ENJOY AND BECOME LIKE HIM: EPHE.5:1
- A CHOICE : MT.19:27

CONCLUSION



DISCIPLESHIP MOVES THE CHURCH FROM
MAINTENANCE TO MISSIONARY AND
CREATES THE ENVIRONMENT FOR
GATHERING DISCIPLING AND MULTIPLYING