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# **BIBLE STUDY**

## **Discipleship 101**

### **Living as Jesus' Follower – Part 3**

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To live as Jesus' followers means to surrender our lives fully to His lordship, choosing daily to walk in obedience, faith, and dependence on Him. It involves learning from His Word, imitating His character, and allowing His teachings to shape our attitudes, decisions, and relationships. As followers of Christ, we are called to love others sacrificially, bear spiritual fruit, and reflect Jesus in how we live. Following Jesus is not merely believing in Him, but actively becoming like Him and participating in His mission by helping others grow in their walk with Christ.

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## “How Jesus Made Disciples”

### Key Texts:

Mark 3:13–15

Luke 10:1–20

Matthew 10

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## Mark 3:13-15

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and **calleth** [unto him] whom he would: and **they came unto him**. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they **should be with him**, and that he might **send them** forth to preach, 15 And **to have power** to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

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## Meaning of the Mountain

**In Scripture, mountains are places of:**

Divine revelation (Exodus 19 – Sinai)

Spiritual calling

Separation before assignment

Jesus withdraws from the crowd to a higher place.

**Key truth:** Before Jesus forms a ministry team, He forms a spiritual foundation.

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## **The Call Was Initiated by Jesus**

**“They did not volunteer. He called.”**

This eliminates pride and insecurity at the same time

You didn't earn the call...You don't deserve the call...You were chosen by grace.

This reflects divine sovereignty.

**Jesus does not choose the qualified —He qualifies the chosen.**

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## The Call Was Personal

**“He called to Him.”**

Discipleship is always relational before instructional.

**Not:** Come join a class or Come attend a program

**But:** Come to Me.

**Christianity is not primarily a system — it is a relationship with Christ.**

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## **The Call Was Selective**

**“Those He desired.”**

Not everyone was called into the Twelve. Jesus loved the crowds, but He invested in the committed. Important leadership principle: Everyone can be loved —but not everyone can be disciplined at the same level.

**Depth requires discernment.**

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## THE RESPONSE — “AND THEY CAME TO HIM”

**This short phrase carries enormous weight. Jesus called — and they responded. Calling without response produces nothing.**

### **Their obedience teaches us:**

Discipleship requires willingness.

You cannot be forced into transformation.

You must choose to come.

God calls many, but only some respond fully.

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## **THE PURPOSE — “THAT HE MIGHT SEND THEM OUT TO PREACH”**

**Only after being with Him does Jesus send them.**

Being precedes doing. Preaching flows from proximity. They were not sent with opinions —they were sent with revelation. They did not preach information — they proclaimed transformation.

**True ministry is not imitation of Christ —  
it is overflow from communion with Christ.**

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**THE POWER — “AND HAVE AUTHORITY TO CAST OUT DEMONS”**

**Authority came LAST. Not FIRST.**

**Authority flows from:**

***Submission – Relationship – Obedience***

Spiritual authority cannot be self-appointed. It is conferred by Christ. Many want power **WITHOUT PRAYER**. Many want authority **WITHOUT INTIMACY**.

**But Jesus gives authority only to those who have been with Him.**

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## Luke 10:1-12

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. 2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly [is] great, but the labourers [are] few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. 3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. 5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace [be] to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: 9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

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Jesus' model was:

**Simple**

**Relational**

**Intentional**

**and Reproducible.**

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## **Jesus Chose a Few, Not the Crowd**

“He appointed twelve...” (Mark 3:14)

He loved the crowds

But He invested in a few.

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**Jesus Lived With His Disciples**

They watched Him pray.

They heard Him teach.

They saw Him respond to conflict.

**Discipleship is life-on-life, not classroom-only.**

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## Jesus Trained Them Through Practice

“He sent them out...” (Luke 10)

Not just teaching

Training through obedience

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## **Jesus Expected Multiplication**

“You will do greater works...” (John 14:12)

Disciples were expected to reproduce disciples

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## Application

Discipleship happens through proximity

You don't need perfection — you need availability

You don't need a title — you need obedience

# SUPPORTING THE SINNER BUT NOT THE SIN

## Questions?

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