



The Discipleship Project of Horizon Central

Level #1 Series #3 Study #3

Topic: Discipleship

1. We are instructed by what has become known as the Great Commission to “Make Disciples.” See **Matthew 28:18-20**. Then read **Mark 16:15**, **Luke 24:45-47** and **Acts 1:8** to fill out the idea.
2. The word disciple literally means “a learner or pupil,” but the notion is bigger than that. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary* adds, “It is an adherent who accepts the instruction given to him and makes it his rule of conduct.” So, what does it mean to “Make Disciples,” and how do you make one?
3. The Bible tells us that as Christians, we are required to defend the Faith. See **1 Peter 3:15**, **Jude 1:3**, and **1 Timothy 6:20-21**.
4. Scripture also requires certain things of us to be Disciples.
 - a. Helping others, especially the young: **Matthew 10:42**
 - b. Denial of self: **Luke 14:26**
 - c. Taking up one’s own cross: **Luke 14:27**
 - d. Giving up everything: **Luke 14:33**
 - e. Set a good example: **1 Timothy 4:10-12**
 - f. Fight the good fight: **1 Timothy 6:12**
5. With a clearer picture from scripture as to what a Disciple is, what is the Disciple to do? See again **Matthew 28:18-20**, **Mark 16:15**, **Luke 24:45-47** and **Acts 1:8**.
6. Scripture is core to knowing the Gospel message.
 - a. Paul states twice that the Gospel message is in accordance with Scripture: **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**
 - b. John tells us more about discipleship: **John 5:36-40**, **8:31**
 - c. Paul again tells us how to gain approval by handling the word correctly: **2 Timothy 2:15**
7. The journey of a Disciple is a long one and has several stages and different responsibilities at each stage: See **1 John 2:7-14**
8. In addition, as a Christian Disciple grows in his walk, there is a change in what he “eats”: See **Hebrews 5:12-14**.
9. In light of the Great Commission and the other scripture references, how can we determine whether we’re really Disciples of Jesus?
10. Based on this lesson, what do you think we can do to become Disciple-Makers ourselves?