

“Discipleship”

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Handout 2

Chapter 2: “True and False Disciples”

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:31-32

Who was Jesus?

- The Bread of Life (John 6:51) (Refer to handout on Jesus)

“Jesus was not in the business of offering human advice that people could take or leave as they wished. Instead, He always spoke with absolute, final authority. He was not just a man speaking. His was not just advice from a good, religious man. He was God speaking.” (page 18)

Ways of a True Disciple...

“A true disciple has not taken an impulse leap in the dark. That person is one who has become a Christian after deep thought and proper consideration.”

“A true disciple has allowed the Word of God to search his or her heart.”

“A true disciple has felt the sense of personal sin and the need to be released from it”

“A true disciple has come to believe that Jesus Christ is the only person who can release him or her from guilt.”

“A true disciple does not consider Christianity a part-time commitment. That person has become a Christian in all departments of his or her life.”

“A true disciple has reached a point in Christian experience where there is no turning back. Follow him or her for 24 hours of the day and night. You will find you can count on that person’s faithfulness to Christ and his or her joyful abiding in the Word of God.” (pages 20-21)

A False Disciple

- Personality Enamored Disciples (page 22-23)
 - Those who are in because they’re following a person.
 - Isaiah 53:2 indicates Jesus had no beauty or blessing in appearance that would have caused people to be drawn to him.
- Half Disciples (page 23-25)
 - Those who bring their lives partially under the control of Christ.
 - “Long ago I came to the conclusion that if Jesus Christ is not controlling all of me, the chances are very good that He is not controlling any of me.”

- “They will obey the Lord in select areas of their lives but disobey Him willfully in others.”
- “We cannot have a girlfriend or a husband or a home or a job shut up in an airtight compartment that Jesus cannot control. If Jesus is not Lord of all of us, we are not real disciples.”
- Short Term Disciples (page 25)
 - “Religious” in certain seasons
- Chameleon Disciples (page 25-26)
 - “They can change color with the environment”
 - “We are not Christians if we have to wait for the right atmosphere to practice our religion.”
- Disciples with Multiple Loves (page 27)
 - Not giving up other loves.

True Disciples continued...(page 29)

- Benefit
 - *If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:31-32*
 - “Truth is not a text. Truth is in the text, but it takes the text plus the Holy Spirit to bring truth to a human soul.”

Transforming Questions

1. What kind of disciple am I?
2. What areas of my life have I given God control over? What areas have I not?
3. Make a list of the things the truth sets us free from...
4. What are some changes I need to begin making this week in my life?