

To Be a Disciple

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“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Matthew 4:19 NASB

3 PARTS TO THE INVITATION

1. “Follow Me”

The first part of the invitation is to _____.

To get behind Him - a part of union—of being joined to Him.

*We begin to be disciples when we understand we are positioned behind Jesus. *He leads, we follow. *Accepting Jesus' invitation begins with realizing who He is. *Following Jesus affects the disciple's thinking. *This head-level change challenges everything from our world view to our priorities. *Have you come to the decision that Jesus is both your Savior and Lord and that you will follow Him?

So a disciple is one who is following Jesus!

2. “And I will make you”

The second part of the invitation is to allow _____.

Jesus made it clear that He intended to change those who follow Him.

*Jesus said, “And I will make you” indicates that God has a plan and the ability to change us. *So the second part of being a disciple means that what we know - moves in to our heart. *What we know - causes change in our character. *He changes hearts, which means our attitudes and priorities begin to shift. *It is submitting to a place that we allow Him to form us into what He desires. *That should encourage all of us! *Jesus changes us (1) through a relationship, and (2) over time. *He will do many different things to bring about this change—but the Key ingredient is being with Him. *As we spend time

with Him—Jesus, makes us more and more like Him in our inner parts—our heart and our character.

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3. “Fishers of Men” That as disciples—we will join Jesus in His mission.

The third part of the invitation is to be _____.

His mission—Luke 19:10 “to seek and save that which was lost.”

*Jesus' mission is to restore people (individually) back into a right relationship with the Father. *It is like Lord Jesus what I do have—I give to you to use to be a part of the mission of Jesus!! *Becoming a fisher of people means we also become shepherds of His sheep. *All are empowered and on call for the Lord's mission of making disciples.

So a simple definition of a disciple

--A disciple is one who is Following Jesus.

--A disciple is one who is being Changed by Jesus.

--A disciple is one who is Committed to the Mission of Jesus.

So our 20/20 vision is to be disciples who make disciples—so what does that look like:

We disciple another person toward Jesus by:

--seeking out and relationally investing in being their friend.

--helping them to recognize how God has gifted them.

--encourage their walk with the Lord, modeling for them reading.

the Bible, praying and other parts of the basics of being a disciple.

--become friends, be interested in what God is doing in their lives

--communicate regularly.

--help them to do the same with another person—and so on and so on.