

## EVERYDAY DISCIPLES: WHAT DISCIPLES DO

The word "Christian" appears only three times in the New Testament: Acts 11:26, 26:28, and 1 Peter 4:16. Disciple, however, is used over 260 times.

*And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. ~ Acts 11:26b (NKJV)*

"Too often, we look upon Christianity as an escape from hell and the guarantee of Heaven beyond that, we feel that we have every right to enjoy the best that this life has to offer." ~ **William McDonald**

"It is possible to be a follower of Jesus without being a disciple, to be a camp follower, without being a soldier of the king, to be a hanger on in some great work, without pulling one's weight." ~ **William Barkley**

Luke 5:1-11

*So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup> and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ~ Luke 5:1-3 (NKJV)*

"The disciple is one who believes Jesus' doctrine, who rests upon His sacrifice, who imbibes His spirit, and imitates His example." ~ **Frederick Farrar**

### SIX THINGS A DISCIPLE DOES...

#### 1. DISCIPLES ANSWER THE CALL TO OBEDIENCE

*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." ~ Luke 5:4-5 (NKJV)*

*Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ~ John 8:31 (NLT)*

*If you love me, obey my commandments. ~ John 14:15 (NLT)*

*Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ~ 1 John 5:3 (NLT)*

*But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? ~ Luke 6:46*

#### 2. DISCIPLES ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD

*<sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ~ Luke 5:6 (NKJV)*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. ~ Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)*

#### 3. DISCIPLES ADOPT A LIFE OF ADVENTURE

<sup>7</sup> So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ~ **Luke 5:7 NKJV**

#### **4. DISCIPLES ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR DEPENDENCE UPON THE LORD**

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men. ~ **Luke 5:8-10 (NKJV)**

#### **5. DISCIPLES ACCEPT THEIR ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD**

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." ~ **Luke 5:10b**

#### **6. DISCIPLES ABANDON ALL ALTERNATIVES**

<sup>11</sup> So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him. ~ **Luke 5:11 (NKJV)**

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Become a follower of Jesus today

Make a commitment to become a disciple today

Sign up to be baptized

Sign up for a connect group

Sign up to become a member by attending our 101 class