



CHRISTIANITY Q&A

"What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple?" Luke 5:1-11

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"Disciple" is not a commonly used word in ordinary conversations, but it should be a highly respected word in Christian thought because, among other things, our Lord's final instructions included the command to make disciples. What did He mean? Christ's disciples are:

I. Willing to Be Challenged.

- A. The challenge of the call.
 - 1. The nature of the call.
 - a. Invitation.
 - b. Command.
 - 2. The process of the call. See John 1:40-42; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11
 - a. Attention—Behold!
 - b. Attraction—We have found!
 - c. Authority—Follow me!
 - 3. The purpose of the call.
 - a. The master/disciple relationship.
- B. The challenge of the consequences.
 - 1. Affections.
 - a. They left their father... Mark 1:20
 - 2. Allegiances.
 - a. Because you say so... Luke 5:5
 - 3. Acquisitions.
 - a. They left everything and followed Him. Luke 5:11

II. Willing to Be Changed.

- A. By the One who knows it all. John 1:42
 - 1. You are...you will be.
- B. By the One who does it all. Luke 5:6-9
 - 1. Depart from me...
- C. By the One who doesn't give up.
 - 1. Simon Peter in the garden. Mark 14:31f
 - 2. Simon Peter in the courtyard. Mark 14:53f
 - 3. Simon Peter on the lakeshore. John 21:1-19
 - 4. Simon Peter on the rooftop. Acts 10:9f
 - 5. Simon Peter in the dining room. Galatians 2:11-13

III. Willing to Be Channeled.

- A. Channeled into His plan.
 - "I will make you..." Mark 1:17**
- B. Channeled into His priorities.
 - "Men...not fish."**
- C. Channeled into His process.
 - It takes time to make a fisherman.