

MISSION PRECISION

Defining the truths every disciple needs to know

DEFINING DISCIPLE

Matthew 4:18-22

Disciples are followers of Jesus. They have turned from their sin and trusted in Jesus as their Savior. They have died to themselves and surrendered their lives to Him as Lord. Christ now lives in them, transforming everything about them from the inside out.

- There is an initial moment of faith when a disciple places initial faith in Jesus.
- An initial moment of faith in time leads to inevitable growth in faith over time as the Christian is conformed more and more and more into the image of Christ.
- We need the church in order to grow in Christ and survive in our faith.

SIX MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

Transformed Heart: Disciples are spiritually regenerate; they have been forgiven of their sin and they are now indwelt by God's Spirit.

- We are forgiven of our sin.
- The Spirit of God lives inside us.
- God has declared us righteous before Him.
- We are welcomed into God's family as sons and daughters.

Transformed Mind: Disciples are biblically grounded; they believe what Jesus says.

- We abide in Christ.
- Christ's Words abide in us.

Transformed Affections: Disciples are deeply satisfied; they desire what Jesus desires.

- If we know God, we will be affected by God.
- We are deeply satisfied in Jesus.
- We participate in spiritual disciplines not out of a sense of duty, but out of a sense of delight.
- Our love for God continually pushes out love for the things of this world.
- Disciples daily crucify the desires of the flesh as they bear the fruit of the Spirit and long for the return of the Son.

Transformed Will: Disciples are humbly obedient; they do what Jesus commands.

- We hear the Word and do what it says.
- The more we walk according to God's Word, the more Jesus conforms our ways to His will.

Transformed Relationships: Disciples are sacrificially loving; they serve as Jesus serves.

- We forgive freely.
- We serve selflessly.
- We join together as members of local churches.
- We care for our families, the global church, the lost, and the poor.

Transformed Purpose: Disciples are missionally engaged; they make disciples who make disciples of all nations.

- Jesus revolutionizes our reason for living.
 - We share the gospel of Christ.
 - We reproduce the life of Christ.
 - We teach the Word of Christ.
 - We serve the world for Christ.