



Christ-Centered Discipleship

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Introduction: There are several “ships” of the Christian faith. Today we are focusing on three of them. We started with “leadership” and now we will study about “discipleship.” What does it mean to follow Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Disciples of Christ Have True Conversion

- A. Disciples are compelled by the Word (**Matthew 4:19, 13:3-9, 18:23**).
- B. Disciples are children of the faith (**Matthew 18:3-4, Galatians 3:26**).
- D. Disciples are refreshed through salvation (**Acts 2:38-39, 3:19**).
- D. Disciples are buried, dead, and risen with Christ (**Romans 6:1-11**).
- E. Disciples are living sacrifices (**Romans 12:1-2**).
- F. Disciples are empowered by the gospel (**I Corinthians 1:18**).

II. Disciples of Christ Have Unwavering Conviction

- A. Disciples are a part of God’s plan (**Genesis 3:15, I Peter 4:13**).
- B. Disciples are not to fear the enemy (**Matthew 16:17-19, I Corinthians 10:13**).
- C. Disciples are ready to face trials (**James 1:2, I Peter 5:8**).
- D. Disciples are to work in unison with others (**Acts 4:32, I Corinthians 1:10**).
- E. Disciples are to have love and unity (**Philippians 2:2**).
- F. Disciples are to stand together (**Ephesians 6:10-20**).

III. Disciples of Christ Have Absolute Confidence

- A. Disciples are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (**Romans 1:16**).
- B. Disciples are strengthened in Christ (**Philippians 4:13, John 16:33**).
- C. Disciples are full of boldness and confidence (**Psalms 25:3, 27:3, Acts 4:31**).
- D. Disciples are given the victory (**Matthew 26-27, Psalm 112:8**).
- E. Disciples are praying for more courage (**I Corinthians 16:13, Hebrews 4:16**).
- F. Disciples are confident they have eternal life (**John 3:3, 5, Titus 1:1-2, I John 5:13**).

IV. Disciples of Christ Have Determined Cooperation

- A. Disciples are contributing to the body of Christ (**Ephesians 3:6, 4:11-16, 5:23**).
- B. Disciples are a part of the body of Christ (**Romans 7:4, 12:5, Colossians 1:24, 2:11**).
- C. Disciples are working together to build up the body (**Acts 2:44, I Corinthians 12:12-27**).
- D. Disciples are ready to handle conflict (**Acts 6:1-7, 12:1-17, Acts 15:1-35, 20:17-38**).
- E. Disciples are unwilling to segment and separate (**I Corinthians 1:10**).
- F. Disciples are a part of a united house (**Matthew 12:25, Mark 3:25, Luke 11:17, 12:52**).

V. Disciples of Christ Have Resolute Commitment

- A. Disciples are aware of the power of love (**John 3:16, I John 4:8**).
- B. Disciples are attuned to the revelation of God (**II Timothy 3:16, Titus 2:11**).
- C. Disciples are attentive to the pattern for Jesus (**I Peter 2:21-25**).
- D. Disciples are familiar with salvation (**II Peter 3:9, I Timothy 2:4**).
- E. Disciples are ready to share the good news (**Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16**).
- F. Disciples are known for love, worship, and fellowship (**John 13:34-35, Acts 2:40-47**).

Conclusion: We desperately need Christ-centered discipleship today! No commitment in your life is as valuable as the ones God has put together. It is worthless to have the whole world and lose your soul (**Mark 8:36**). How dedicated are you? Have you taken the steps toward salvation? Have you stayed on the path of righteousness? Are you a Christ-centered disciple?