Faith Journey

Matthew 28:19 (CSB) Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...



What is the difference between a Christian and a Disciple?





Disciple

Christian



Acts 11:26c (CSB) The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.

AD 42 – 13 years after Jesus Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension 500 miles north of Jerusalem



Every Disciple is a Christian & Every Christian is a Disciple



Disciple

Christian

Saint

Missionary, Pastor, Mechanic, Doctor, Electrician, Lawyer?

Matthew 4:17-25, Luke 5:1-11



Mark 1:14-15 (CSB) After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"



good news

an event that has occurred, not a new list of religious rules.

Messiah has come to redeem mankind!



Mark 1:17 (CSB) "Follow me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you fish for people."



fanaticism expressed in compassion and service "Follow Me" "fish for people"



Mark 1:18,20 (CSB) Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

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Matthew 4:24–25 (CSB) Then the news about him spread throughout Syria. So they brought to him all those who were afflicted, those suffering from various diseases and intense pains, the demon-possessed, the epileptics, and the paralytics. And he healed them. Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.



The Called

The Crowd



The Called left everything to follow (be a disciple) and become fishers of people (disciplemakers)



The Crowd followed for what they could receive



Luke 9:23-26 Matthew 16:24-27, Mark 8:34-38



Luke 9:23 (CSB) Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me."



The Called



Faith Journey follow after me = be my disciple deny himself = **Believe** take up his cross daily = Belong follow me = Reach, Multiply



deny himself = **Believe** Relying on God

worship, prayer, giving, Bible reading, orthodox doctrine,



take up his cross daily = Belong losing self for the sake of others, identifying with a new way of life

faithful engagement in the Church, accountability relationships, understanding your place in the Body (gifts, passions)



follow me= Reach connect with others in service

faithful engagement in ministry, regular witnessing, missional living inside and outside the Church, "fishers of people"



follow me= **Multiply** help others in their Journey

show someone else how to live the Faith Journey and walk with them through it.

Matthew 28:18-20



Luke 9:24–26 (CSB) **For** whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels.

....The fact is that the gospel demands *everything* of *all of us*.

If someone thinks the gospel has somehow slotted into their life quite easily, without causing any major adjustments to their lifestyle or aspirations, it is likely that they have not really started following Jesus at all.

-Sam Allberry



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Faith Journey • memorize Luke 9:23-24 prayerfully consider your response to Jesus' call to Follow • commit to joining us as we learn more about the Journey



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