

John 1:38-42
"Discipleship 101"

INTRO: John wrote his Gospel seeking to evangelize the lost and desiring to strengthen the faith of those who already believe (John 20:30-31)

Are you a true disciple of Christ? How do you know this?

John 1:38- A penetrating question.

Have you ever received an invitation that you turned down, only to regret that decision?

I have.

Are you a genuine disciple of Christ? How do you know that you are one?

3 Practical Implications concerning True Discipleship

1) **True Disciples** _____.

2) **True Disciples are spiritual** _____ **and pro-active learners!**

3) **True Disciples are _____ witnesses of Jesus!**

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matt. 4:19)

“You shall be My witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)

Related Quotes on Christian Discipleship

Luke 9- John 6- Matthew 8

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

“When all is said and done, the life of faith is nothing if not an unending struggle of the spirit with every available weapon against the flesh.”

“Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'Ye were bought at a price', and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of the Son of God.”

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

*Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known*

*Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own
Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not, like them, untrue*

*O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright
Man may trouble and distress me
Twill but drive me to Thy breast*

*Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh, tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me
Oh, twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee*

*Go, then, earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather
All must work for good to me
Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise oer sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear*

*Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Fathers smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
Child of heaven, canst thou repine
Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer*

*Heavens eternal days before thee
Gods own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise*

2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12; Luke 9:23f.