

“Discipleship” Selected Scriptures

- Christians are disciples of Jesus
Acts 6:2,7; 11:19-26; John 13:35
- What is a disciple?
Matt. 27:57; 28:19; John 8:31
- A learner, pupil, follower
- It is a follower who accepts the instructions given to him or her and it his or her rule of conduct.

The gospel Jesus proclaimed was a call to discipleship, a call to follow Him in submissive obedience, not just a plea to make a decision or pray a prayer. John MacArthur

- The call to discipleship
(to be a learner and follower of Jesus Christ)
Matt. 16:24-26; Mark 2:14
Matt. 18:1-3; Luke 9:57-62
Matt. 10:24-39; Mark 8:34

(Discipleship) is not merely another commitment which we add to the long list of our other commitments, but it is the commitment—demanding a reordering of our lives from the bottom up. Robert C. Tannehill

- How do we follow and learn from Jesus?
Matt. 16:24-25; 1 John 2:6; Eph. 4:22-24; 2 Cor. 3:18
1 Peter 4:1-2; Matt. 11:29; 1 Peter 2:21
John 8:31; Col. 3:16; Phil. 2:5-8

Obedience is the only reality. It is faith visible, faith acting, and faith manifest. It is the test of real discipleship among the Lord's people. J.C. Ryle

The life of the church is discipleship
Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 1:28-29; Matt. 28:19-20

What is the local church? It's the institution which Jesus created and authorized to pronounce the gospel of the kingdom, to affirm gospel professors, to oversee their discipleship. Jonathan Leeman

Church membership is a formal relationship between a local church and a Christian characterized by the church's affirmation and oversight of a Christian's discipleship and the Christian's submission to living out his or her discipleship in the care of the church.
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Communion