

“What Is a Biblical Disciple?”
(Mark 3:7-19)

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What is a disciple, and how does the church go about making them? The answers to these questions can be found by looking at these two passages from Mark 3.

- I. *Biblical Disciples Are Not Made through Miraculous Signs***
Biblical disciples are made, not by the power of signs and wonders, but by the word of the gospel preached in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- II. *Biblical Disciples Are Not Made in “Great Crowds”***
Converts may be made in great crowds, but disciples are made in small groups and ongoing one-on-one discipleship relationships.
- III. *Biblical Disciples are Made by the Sovereign Call of Christ***
In the final analysis, Jesus makes disciples, and no one else.
- IV. *Biblical Disciples Have Fellowship with Christ***
Disciples are those who know, love, and have real fellowship with Jesus Christ.
- V. *Biblical Disciples Preach the Word of Christ***
Speaking the word of God is the task of every disciple.
- VI. *Biblical Disciples Have Authority over the Forces of Evil***
This authority is mediated through the word and Spirit of Christ.
- VII. *Biblical Disciples Come from Every Sort of Man***
Jesus had no pre-qualifications for discipleship, and neither should we.
- VIII. *Biblical Disciples Persevere in the Faith***
The task of disciple-making is never completed in this life

A disciple is a redeemed sinner who has been sovereignly called by Christ into a living relationship with Himself. Discipleship is founded upon the word of Christ, is nourished through intimate, Christ-centered relationships, is reproduced in the lives of other redeemed sinners through the disciple-making ministry of a local church, and is completed only when the disciple enters into glory.