

Purpose

- To help you understand what it means to follow Jesus and the importance of relationships.

Discipleship**Mark 1:14-18**

Q: What is the invitation?

- The invitation is to follow Jesus and spend time learning from Him.
- Jesus is inviting them into a life of eternal impact.

Luke 9:23-26

- Self-denial and carrying your cross means putting God's will above your own will even to the point of pain or death.

Q: What do you value more, your life now or your eternity with God?

Luke 14:25-33

- Jesus was interested in true followers, not in gaining popularity. (v25)
- Discipleship involves prioritizing relationships and Jesus has to be number one. (v26)
- Following Jesus is a serious decision that needs to be evaluated. (v30)
- Jesus wants to be Lord of our lives, which requires total surrender. (v33)

Matthew 28:18-20

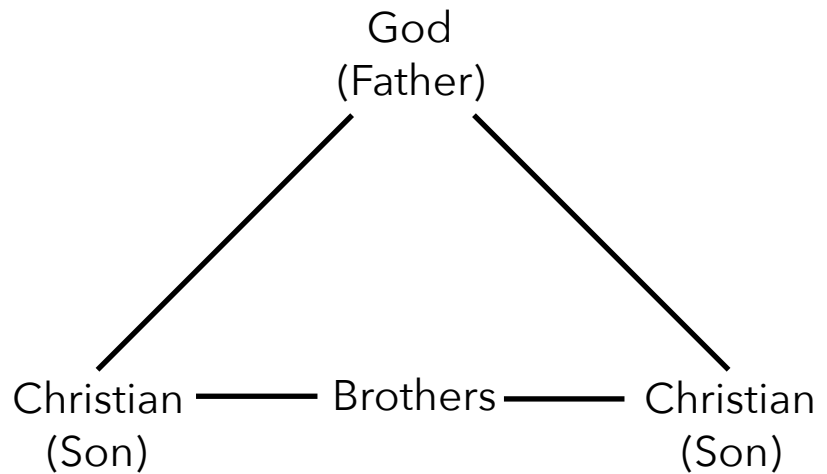
Q: What is Jesus calling us to do?

- Jesus calls us to make disciples, baptize them and teach them to obey His commands. (Be One, Make One)

Community

Ephesians 2:19-22

- The church is the family of God. *See illustration.*
- The church must be based upon the teachings of the Word of God.



1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- The church is made up of baptized disciples, which is the body of Christ.
- Every person is important and we need to appreciate one another.

Q: How can you use your gifts and strengths to build the church?

Hebrews 10:23-25

Q: What are some reasons for meeting together consistently as a church?

- The meetings of the church and community groups allow us to inspire and challenge one another toward love and good deeds.

Q: What are some ways you can stay connected? (Group and 1-on-1)

Faith in Action

Q: How will following Jesus affect your schedule and relationships?

For Further Study

- John 13:34-35, Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 22:34-40, Colossians 1:15-18, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Timothy 5:1-2