

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

(Luke 5:1-11)

There are many today who have lost their jobs and are thankful to have at least part-time work. Part time...do you know that there are many Christians who view their Christianity as “part-time?” Such ones give the Lord God a small part of their life, maybe only a Sunday morning. Don’t be fooled, God wants all of you. No part-timers.

Dr. Luke wants us to know for sure that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior. But more, Luke wants to bring us to the point of making a decision to follow Him, to be His disciple. One who never turns back.

To do this, Luke begins the next section of his Gospel telling how Jesus gathered people to be His disciples.

FOUR MARKS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS THAT MUST BE FOUND IN YOUR LIFE.

If not, you are either disobedient or unsaved.

I. You Must Listen To Jesus. (vv.1-3)

- A. Jesus had a growing reputation as a preacher/teacher and the crowds flocked to hear Him teach the “word of God.” (v.1)
 - 1. Their motive was right...”to hear...” In order to follow, we must first hear Him.
 - 2. Jesus was at the Sea of Galilee and pressed into a boat. The boat was His pulpit!
- B. Out of hundreds of fishermen present in the area, Jesus chose to use Peter’s boat. Peter had known Jesus, but had not yet made the decision to follow Him.
- C. So, for anyone who wants to follow Jesus the EAR is the most important body part. It may be the most important part, but not the only part. For we must follow body and soul.
 - 1. For us, listening means reading what Jesus said in the Bible. Study it on our own and with others. It means listening to Biblical preaching and teaching. (Rom 10:17)
 - 2. Danger!!! Sadly, many who listen to sermon without ever doing them are in danger. Jesus warned, Matthew 11:20-24, so if you are not willing to follow Jesus, then it would be better for you not to go to church at all. Greater will be the judgment.

II. You Must Turn From Sin. (vv.4-10a) A true disciple is a penitent disciple. Example of Peter:

- A. Jesus led Peter to repentance by a strange request. Go fish again...
 - 1. Peter may have thought: “what does a carpenter know about fishing?” He had fished all night and the nets were cleaned, mended , and drying on the shore. (v.4)
 - 2. He was to learn that Jesus can be trusted. You can always trust His Word.
- B. Peter was annoyed, and tries to straighten Jesus out, then reluctantly obeys Him. (v.5)

