



10 Part 1 - A Disciple is Passionately Committed to Jesus

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94% of churches have reached a plateau or are declining.

83% of unchurched people said they would go to church if invited.

2% of Christians actually invite someone to church.

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN?

- We need to Invite someone to church this week!

We start as a believer (get saved) and grow to become a disciple (fully devoted follower of Christ)

TELL THE GROUP ABOUT YOUR CONVERSION STORY:

When did you become a believer?

QUESTION:

What would your life look like if you were more passionate about God?

Your marriage, worship, career?

Besides God, what are you passionate about?

Passion changes something that is average to being great.

LUKE 14:25-26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

When Jesus said to hate your father, mother, he isn't saying to literally hate them but your love for Him should be so great that by comparison everything else looks like hate.

DENY YOURSELF - Look at others

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS - The cross was a place of sacrifice, it wasn't pretty. It takes commitment.

FOLLOW ME - Once you start, don't ever stop

QUESTION:

What is the difference between a believer and a disciple

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Believer

Savior, someone who lives to please them.

Exalt their thoughts above the Bible

Church is the place to hear from God

Only accountable to themselves

Serves God if convenient

Impress God with religion

Follow God if I feel like it

Chooses own path and asks God to bless

Like the world that seeks to go higher

Disciple

Lord, someone who wants to please God.

- who sits on the throne of your heart?

Deuteronomy 5:33 - God blesses those who obey Him.

Psalm 119:32 - David was in a hurry to obey.

Exalts the Word above their feelings

To disciple, God's word is the final authority

Church is place to learn and do what is said

Accountable to everyone (show we my blind spots, failing)

Serves God based on conviction, even at great cost

Know it's all about relationship

Follow God no matter how I feel

Follow His path, no matter where and when

Humbly go lower

QUESTION:

Do any of these speak to you and where you are in your spiritual journey?

What does God want?

To narrow the gap and cross over from being a believer to becoming a disciple.

What's the motivation to do this?

Purpose

"The two most important days in a man's life are the day he was born and the day he discovers why." **MARK TWAIN**

What is your purpose?