

# What is a disciple? (Part 1)

## Getting started

1. What mental image comes to mind when you think of the word 'disciple'?
2. From last week, what is God's big plan for the world? Why does that compel us to make disciples?

## Read Matthew 28:16-20 (again)

3. What does this say about what it means to be a disciple?
4. Being a disciple means receiving 'teaching' (v. 20). What makes learning as a disciple much more than an academic process? How does Matthew 28:20 help us understand true Christian learning?

## Learning for salvation

5. Complete the table, answering the questions from each passage (you may like to break into three groups and report back on one passage each).

	Matthew 10:16-39	Mark 8:27-38	Luke 14:25-33
What truths about Jesus do disciples need to learn?			
What are the attractive consequences of learning Christ and submitting our lives to him?			

What are the unattractive consequences of learning Christ and submitting our lives to him?			
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6. In what sense do we 'save' our lives by 'losing' our lives (Mark 8:35; Matt 10:39)?
7. In what way is losing our lives an expression of trust in Jesus?
8. Family relationships and material provision are God's good gifts. Why then does Jesus make such extreme statements about family and money (Matt 10:34-37; Luke 14:26)?
9. Why will Jesus be ashamed of those who are ashamed of him and his words (Mark 8:38)?

## Implications

10. When someone becomes a disciple of Jesus, what immediate changes would you expect to see in his or her life? What changes might you expect to see over a longer period of time?
11. Followers of Jesus still struggle with the temptation to follow other masters. Where is your biggest temptation to follow another master, rather than to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

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