

Disciple: Be One. Make Some.

Week 1: Be One

John 15:8

Introduction:

- A. Many people profess to be followers of Jesus whose actions tell a much different story.
- B. Despite what we say, our actions should prove that we are a disciple of Jesus.
- C. Peter and John were recognized as having been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

A Disciple Desires to Become Like Jesus

- A. The goal of a disciple is to become like the teacher and our teacher is Jesus Christ (Lk. 6:40).
- B. The moment we are baptized into Christ our lives are no longer our own (Gal. 2:20).
- C. If we are going to claim to abide in Him, we must walk as He walked (I Jn. 2:6).

When We Become Like Jesus, We Will Bear Much Fruit

- A. Every branch in Christ must bear fruit (Jn. 15:2, 4, 5, 8, 16).
- B. Bearing fruit has to do with our Christian character (Gal. 5:22-23). Jesus embodied the fruits of the Spirit.
- C. Bearing fruit also has to do with bearing spiritual offspring (Rom. 7:4; Matt. 28:19-20). Jesus spent much time during His ministry making disciples.

When we Become Like Jesus and Bear Much Fruit, We Bring Glory to God

- A. Our very purpose in life is to glorify and honor God.
- B. As disciples of Jesus, everything we do should be done to the glory of God (I Cor. 10:31).
- C. The words we speak, the decisions we make, the relationships we form, etc. should all be done for the purpose of letting our lights shine and bringing glory to God (Matt. 5:16).

Conclusion:

- A. The way of a disciple begins with making a decision to follow after Jesus.
- B. Peter, Andrew, James and John all made the decision to walk away from their livelihood to follow Jesus (Matt. 4:18-22). Matthew left his tax booth and all the riches that came with it to be a disciple of Jesus.
- C. Are you willing to make whatever decisions you need to make in order to be a disciple of Jesus?