



# ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH #2

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## *Discipleship 101*

*Matthew 4:18-22*

*“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:35*

“It may be possible to attend church and not be a healthy Christian, but it is impossible to be healthy Christian and not attend church.” ~ Stephen Agliss

**What is a disciple?** One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines and goodnews of Jesus Christ.

There are three tenets to discipleship that we will notice. Discipleship requires *followship*, *fellowship*, and you will have to *forsake* things of earthly value. Always remember, the bigger the *sacrifice* the greater the *reward*.

As Jesus is beginning his earthly ministry, he has a divine mandate from God to execute the plan of salvation and to correct the mistake that Adam made in the garden. In order for Jesus' plan to save the world to work He understands that he needs a *team* to help him complete the great commission. We learn from the life of Jesus and his disciples that discipleship becomes effective when believers come together and work together as a team.

**“Team work makes the dream work.”**

### *Discipleship is a Calling*

The first disciples that Jesus calls are Peter, Andrew, James and John. What these four men have in common is that they are fishermen. Jesus is omniscience which means he is all knowing, yet although Jesus knows the past, present, and future he still calls them to be apart of his team. The blessing of being a disciple is that Jesus knows all of our past mistakes and all of our present hangups yet He is still calling us to be apart of his team.

*A. Discipleship requires us to Surrender:* We must surrender our will for God's will.

## **Discipleship is a Challenge**

Peter and Andrew accept the calling and the challenge to follow Christ without fully knowing what they are getting themselves into. Likewise, many of us have agreed to follow Christ without knowing what we were signing ourselves up for. They follow Christ with the condition of leaving everything that they know and love behind. Also, they accept the challenge of forsaking their family, finances, fish, and worldly goods to follow Jesus.

**B. Discipleship requires Sacrifice:** What are you willing to sacrifice to be a follower of Christ. These four disciples were willing to sacrifice their business, livelihood, social status, family, and all that they know to follow Jesus and they have no clue as to where he is leading them.

## **Discipleship requires Companionship**

Peter, Andrew, James, and John must also engage in companionship with Christ and each other. Each disciple will play a significant role in helping to assist in accomplishing the assignment that Christ has while on earth. In order for them to have success in the mission field they will need to have daily companionship with Christ and with each other.

**C. Discipleship requires Society:** If you are going to be a disciple then it will require you to engage with society. You will have to engage with other disciples, and those that need to be made into disciples. You cannot be a disciple and live in isolation. You must interact with those who are saved and unsaved in order to save the lost at any cost.

## **Discipleship is about Catching**

Jesus has a plan to use these men to shake up the entire world. His plan for them is bigger than what they can ever imagine for themselves. They see themselves as men who catch fish, but Jesus desires to use them to be fishers of men. God's ultimate plan is for you to be a disciple that saves the lost at any cost. God wants to send you out to into the mission field to catch men for His glory.

## **Reflect**

**1. What do you need to sacrifice to become a disciple?**

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**2. What can you do to be a team player so that you can bring disciples together?**

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**3. When you should go fishing for men and where should you go fishing for men?**

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