

What Is Discipleship?

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19–20

According to Jesus, disciple-making encompasses baptism, theology, authority, instruction, obedience, and his ongoing presence. As you consider each of these areas in your life, reflect on where you may need growth, guidance, and accountability. Where are you in your knowledge, maturity, and obedience regarding these things?

Assignment

1. Memorize Matthew 28:19–20.
2. Study the passage and the following chart, looking up each additional passage referenced.
3. Answer the following questions.

Questions

What are the three areas where I am most proficient?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are the three areas where I am least proficient?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are the three areas I am most excited or most desirous to grow in?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

“Baptize” <i>What is baptism?</i> <i>What does it involve?</i>	Repentance (Acts 2:37–38)
	Confession of Faith (Acts 2:38)
	Church Membership (Acts 2:41)
“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” <i>What is the Trinity?</i> <i>What does “in the name of” mean?</i>	Theology (1 John 4:13–15)
	Knowing God (1 John 4:13–15)
	Submission to God (1 John 4:21)
“Teaching” <i>How are you being taught?</i> <i>Are your pastors your primary teachers?</i>	Sermon (2 Timothy 4:1–4)
	Small Groups (Colossians 3:16)
	Catechism (Luke 1:4)
	Reading (Luke 1:1–4)
“Observe all that I have commanded you” <i>Do you know what Jesus commands?</i> <i>Do you obey what he says?</i>	Obedience to Specific Commands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ten Commandments • “One another” commands • Spiritual disciplines
	Obedience in Every Sphere of Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles: Faithfulness as husband, wife, father, mother, church member, citizen, leader, employee, employer • Relationships: Spouse, children, relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, roommates • Ministry, service, evangelism • Finances, stewardship, giving • Self-denial, discipline, exercise, diet
Obedience from the Heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affections, ambitions, anxieties • Virtue, attention, thought-life • Worship, gratitude, joy 	Obedience at All Times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord’s Day worship, six days of labor • Who and what influences you • How you spend your time
“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” <i>Do you know the presence of Christ?</i> <i>Do you treasure his promises?</i> <i>Do you have a basic grasp of this age and the next?</i>	Communion with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
	Walking by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16–25)
	Bible Reading & Study (Psalm 119:105)
	Scripture Memorization (Psalm 119:11)
	Meditating on Promises (Psalm 119:148)
	Worship (1 Thessalonians 5:16)
	The Church Age (Titus 2:11–14)
Eschatology (Titus 2:13)	Thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:18)