

Discipleship: Be one, make one.

Part 1: Calling

Luke 5:1-11

Intro.:

A. Sometimes as you read through and study the Bible you find those extraordinary “Calls” by God with people: Examples

But when you read these special Calls of special People to serve the Lord in special ways, it is easy to think that the Lord couldn't or wouldn't call us.

B. Scripture also records plenty of Special calls on ordinary people, like you and me!

We are CALLED: A Child of God, A Friend, A New Creation, A People belonging God, Joint Heirs with Jesus, the Temple of God, etc.

Another special Calling of God on anyone who trusts and confesses Jesus as their Saviour and Lord is DISCIPLE!

C. Today, we don't really use the Word Disciple that often but it is the perfect word to describe what we are called to be in the Lord.

Learner, a follower of Jesus – a Learner/follower who is in relationship with Jesus!

What it really means to be Called a Disciple of Jesus!

Jesus has known Peter and Andrew they have committed themselves and were followers but now Jesus wants to teach them and us what it truly means to be His Disciple.

More than just a one time confession to Follow Jesus – Peter had done that in John 1.

It means more than just listening to (or reading) the words of Jesus – that is what the crowd is doing as Jesus teaches them from Peter's boat.

D. So what do we learn about being Called a Disciple of Jesus?
What does it mean to be His Disciple?

A. A Disciple is one who follows Jesus, even when it doesn't make sense, Vs. 4-6

- It is an essential part of being a Disciple of Jesus by following Him where He leads us.

- But the interesting point in this passage is that Jesus is teaching Peter and companions that a Disciple will follow Jesus because He says so (vs. 5b But because you say so, I will let down the nets.) – no matter what. Even when it doesn't make any sense. Even if we have failed at trying before. Even if what Jesus calls us to do goes against what others might think - Examples.

- Called to be a Disciple means that you Follow Jesus, full stop!

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B. A Disciple is one who Partners with Others, vs. 6-7, 9-10a

- a personal confession of Faith to Jesus as Lord, but it is not meant to be lived out alone.

- Jesus wants them to know that if they are going to be the Disciples that He desires they need to partner with Others.

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- So Jesus blesses them. They need to Partner with others to participate in the success and blessings of the Lord. Peter has to call on James and John as well as His others companions to help him.

- We need One another for Support, Encouragement, Prayer, instruction, accountability and to serve together. That is why we are commanded in Heb. 10:25, Not to give up meeting together as some are in the habit but encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day (of the Lord) approaching.

- Are you committed to the Fellowship and Partnering with others in Christ?

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C. A Disciple is one who Surrenders and Exalts Jesus, vs. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

- Peter surrenders to Jesus by admitting that he is sinner and in need of Jesus.

- Peter Exalts Jesus by calling Him Lord – master, ruler.

D. A Disciple is one who sets their priorities to Serve Jesus,

- Being a Disciple is about letting Jesus set our Priorities in life and seeking to SERVE Him by Sharing Him with others.

- Their Priorities changed – vs. 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him., they pulled up their boats, left everything behind and followed Jesus.

- What is there that Jesus wants you to leave behind in order to Follow Him? How have your priorities changed because of Jesus?

- They were now going to Serve Jesus by Sharing Him with others as Jesus called them to be Fishers of Men, vs. 10 Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

- You can't truly be a Disciple of Jesus without a commitment to SERVE the Lord and Share Him with others.

Jesus came to seek and to Save – to Follow Him, to Obey Him means that we individually and collectively as His People – the Church, want to Share Him with others – seek to be Fishers of Men. Peter didn't quit fishing because it was hard or even because they didn't catch any thing at first – they went out, took the chance, risked it all as Jesus led. So it is with us as His people today.

- How are you Serving Jesus as Lord today?

Conclusion:

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?

- Following Him.
- Surrendering and Exalting Jesus.
- Partnering with Others
- Setting your Priorities to Serve and Share Jesus with others!
- How is the Lord challenging you today to live up to your Calling as His Disciple?