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Being a disciple of Christ begins with recognizing that even the original twelve disciples were far from perfect when Jesus called them. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and ordinary men with doubts, fears, tempers, and weaknesses. Yet Jesus invited them to walk with Him, learn from Him, and grow through every success and failure. Their transformation didn't happen overnight. Even after witnessing miracles, hearing Jesus teach, and serving alongside Him, they struggled to understand His mission. Peter denied Him, Thomas doubted Him, and the others fled in fear. But Jesus continued shaping them, and after His resurrection and ascension, they carried the Gospel boldly into the world. Their story reminds us that discipleship is not about perfection; it's about following Jesus faithfully and allowing Him to change us over time.

To be a disciple today means embracing that same lifelong process of transformation. The Bible calls us to die to ourselves, surrender our desires, and allow Christ to live through us, just as Galatians 2:20 teaches. This requires daily choices, denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Him even when it costs us comfort or pride. Discipleship demands obedience, not just knowledge. James 1:22 warns us not to merely listen to the Word but to do what it says. That means examining our lives honestly and confronting the areas where we still resist God's authority. It means offering our bodies as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1), choosing holiness in every part of life (1 Peter 1:15-16), and refusing to let anything: money, ambition, or comfort, compete with God for our loyalty (Matthew 6:24).

A true disciple also reflects Jesus in relationships. Jesus said the world would recognize His followers by their love (John 13:35), which challenges us to forgive as He forgave (Colossians 3:13), to serve without seeking recognition, and to put others before ourselves (Philippians 2:3). Discipleship is not a private journey; it is a calling to invest in others. When Jesus told people to “go and sin no more,” (John 8:11) He made it clear that sin is never acceptable but rather than condemning people as His disciples, He calls us to confront sin with truth, extend love without compromise, and walk with others as they grow in sanctification. Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20), which means every Christian is responsible for helping others grow in their faith. If we are not intentionally witnessing to others, we are not fully obeying Jesus' mission. A disciple is both a learner and a teacher, constantly growing while helping others grow.

Ultimately, being a disciple of Christ means committing to a lifelong journey of becoming more like Him. It means allowing the Holy Spirit to put to death the misdeeds of the body (Romans 8:13), confronting sin instead of managing it, and living in a way that reflects the worth of Jesus'

sacrifice. The original disciples kept learning long after Jesus ascended, and so do we. Discipleship never ends because there is always more of Christ to know, more of ourselves to surrender, and more people who need the hope of the Gospel. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus wholeheartedly, imperfectly but persistently, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion.

Bible Study Questions:

1. Galatians 2:20 (NASB) says, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [a]the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” In what ways does your daily life still look like “you” instead of Christ living through you, and what needs to die so that He can fully live in you?

2. Romans 12:1 (NASB) urges believers to “present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice.” What part of your life have you been unwilling to place on the altar, and what would it look like to surrender it completely?

3. Luke 9:23 (NASB) says, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” What does deny yourself actually look like in your schedule, habits, and desires. Not in theory, but in practice?

4. James 1:22 (NASB) warns, “But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves.” Where do you see a gap between what you know from Scripture and what you actually live out?

5. 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NASB) says, “but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written: “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” What area of your life have you excused from holiness, and why have you allowed that exception?

6. Matthew 6:24 (NASB) teaches, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” What competes most fiercely with God for your loyalty, and how is it shaping your decisions more than you admit?

7. John 13:35 (NASB) says, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.” Who is the person you find hardest to love, and what does your struggle reveal about the condition of your heart?

8. Philippians 2:3 (NASB) commands, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves.” Where do pride and self-promotion still influence your motives, even in spiritual or “good” things?

9. Matthew 28:19 (NASB) calls believers to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Who are you intentionally witnessing or discipling right now, and if the answer is “no one,” who comes to mind?

10. Colossians 3:12-13 (NASB) says, “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also.” Who have you refused to forgive, and what does holding onto that hurt say about your understanding of God’s forgiveness toward you?

11. 1 John 2:6 (NASB) says, “the one who says that he remains in Him ought, himself also, to walk just as He walked.” If someone watched your life for a week, what parts would clearly reflect Jesus, and what parts would not?

12. Romans 8:13 (NASB) says, “for if you are living in accord with the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” What sin have you been managing instead of killing, and what step of obedience is God calling you to take today?