

Repentance, Discipleship Study

- What's the big idea?
 - Repentance and discipleship are the same thing. Discipleship is being committed to following Jesus in all areas of your life, and fishing for men. And one must be committed to being a disciple prior to being baptized.
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- Acts 2:36-41
 - Review again repent and be baptized with faith in Jesus in order to receive the forgiveness of your sins and the Holy Spirit. We've talked about baptism, today we're going to talk about repentance.
 - Repentance = a change of mind that results in a change of lifestyle. It is a turning in both thought and action of our lives.

 - Mt 28:16-20
 - They were called to go and do what? Make disciples of all men. Which men? All men.
 - Being a disciple was not just for the super committed.
 - What were they to do with these disciples? Baptize them. Who gets baptized? Disciples (John 4:1-2).
 - Repenting in Acts 2 and committing oneself to being a disciple in Mt 28 is one and the same thing. It is a turning of your life.
 - I want to study out today what it means to be a disciple.
 - What would you say it is? Would you say there is a difference between a disciple and a Christian?
 - Would you say that you are one? Why or why not? How did you become one? When did you become one? Would you say that you're a Christian? Why? How? When?
 - Let's look at what the bible says.

 - Acts 11:25-26
 - This occurs some 5 to 10 years after Jesus' death. This is the 1st time the word Christian is being used. Jesus never used the word; he never called anyone to be a Christian. He called people to be disciples.
 - Now who is being referred to here in Acts 11 as Christians?
 - The disciples were.
 - Was there a difference between the 2? No, biblically they were one in the same. So if one wanted to know what it was to be considered a Christian in the bible, what must one do?
 - Study out what it means to be a disciple.
 - Exactly.

- Mk 1:14-18
 - This is the calling of the 1st disciples.
 - What does Jesus call them to?
 - Follow me.
 - Fish for men.
 - How quickly did they respond? Immediately. Becoming a Christian is a decision. Building faith is a process, but being a Christian is a decision.
 - How much heat did they put into this decision?
 - Whole-hearted. They dropped their nets.
 - Becoming a disciple/Christian is an informed adult decision to wholeheartedly follow Jesus with all areas of our lives and to specifically start converting men (Rom 6:17).
 - Is this what you did?

- Here are the characteristics of a disciple:
 - Luke 9:23-26
 - Self denial.

 - Luke 14:25-33
 - Love for Christ over all.
 - A decision that understood the costs.
 - Total surrender.

 - Luke 11:1-4
 - A walk with God.

 - John 13:34-35
 - Love for the other disciples.
 - Start coming to meetings of the body.

 - Mt 28:18-20
 - Were you baptized as a disciple?
 - Then what do you need to do?
 - Get baptized.
 - When?