

AfterThoughts
September 11, 2022
To Be Found Faithful As God's People
Discipleship Is Our Focus
Matthew 28:16–20

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series, "To Be Faithful As God's People." Today, we looked at Dawson's fourth Theological Vision Statement: Discipleship Is Our Focus.

1. **What Is A Disciple?**
2. **How Do We Make Disciples?**
 - Communicate Daily With God In Prayer – **John 15:5**
 - Learn to Understand and Apply God's Word To Your Life – **Matthew 28:19–20**
 - Obey God's Commands – **James 1:22**
 - Store God's Word In Your Heart – **Psalms 119:11**
 - Evangelize (Tell Others About Jesus) – **Matthew 28:19**
 - Renew Yourself Spiritually Every Day – **Luke 9:23**

Going Deeper:

- The call to discipleship is a call to follow Jesus so closely that we begin to talk the way He talked, to think the way He thought, and to walk the way He walked. We are called to be "followers" not "fans." How have you settled for just being a "fan" of Jesus?
- If you are a disciple of Jesus, prayer is the oxygen you breathe for your spiritual life. In what way(s) do you make prayer a priority in your daily life?
- Pastor David shared that disciples of Jesus see the commands in the Bible as invitations from their Savior to experience the joy of active submission to Him. Does this description fit the way you experience obeying God's word? If not, what do you need to change in your daily routine to conform to this description?
- Pastor David shared the CLOSER acronym to guide you in your discipleship journey. What area(s) of the acronym do you need to focus on this week? How will you prioritize those areas?

Additional Information:

Mark 8:34

"Give me all of you! I don't want so much of your time, so much of your talents and money, and so much of your work. I want you. All of you!...No half measures will do...Hand it over to me, the whole outfit, all of your desires, all of your wants and wishes and dreams. Turn them ALL over to me, give yourself to me and I will make of you a new self --- in my image. Give me yourself and in exchange I will give you Myself. My will, shall become your will. My heart shall become your heart."

~ C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6:24–26

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