

What does it mean to follow Jesus? A Follower of Jesus Is a DISCIPLE.

📖 **Matthew 10:2-4** “These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” NIV

Every believer is called to be a _____

dis-ci'-ple

A *disciple* is a **follower**— someone who **follows** the **teachings** of another. A **student** or **learner**. Someone who sits at the feet of a teacher to learn from him and then tries to **follow** that instruction, to **live by it**.

dis-ci'-ple-ship

Discipleship is the process of becoming a **fully devoted, mature follower** of Christ.

1- **Discipleship always begins** _____.

📖 **Matthew 28:19-20** “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” NIV


📖 **Hebrews 12:2** “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the **author and perfecter** of our faith.” NIV
“...the champion who **initiates** and **perfects** our faith.” NLT


📖 **Romans 6:3-4** “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” ESV


2- Disciples are _____.

 **Matthew 28:19-20** “Go and make **DISCIPLES** of all nations, baptizing them ... and **TEACHING** them to obey everything I have commanded you.” NIV


 **John 8:31-32** “If you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” RSV

 **James 1:18,21-22** “He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth. ...Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” NIV

 **Psalm 1:1-3** “Blessed is the man . . . whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law He meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” NIV

 **Acts 6:7** “The Word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem.” ESV

3- Disciples learn to _____.

 **Matthew 4:18-22** “As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.” NIV

“To become a disciple is to be thrown out of one’s own little orbit and made to be a satellite of another, far greater, body.”

Blanks: 1- with Jesus , 2- lifelong learners , 3- put Jesus first.