



## **Message Reflections**

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### **What Is A Disciple?**

A disciple is a person who knows and is following Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is on mission with Jesus.

***Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Matthew 4:19***

Matthew 4:19 gives us Jesus' definition of a disciple. Think about each statement within this definition and assess yourself.

**"Follow me"** – The first statement is an invitation to follow Jesus. If we follow Christ, we must come under His authority and direction. "Follow" means that someone else leads. This is not only an invitation to be in relationship with Jesus, but also to submit to His leadership.

Consider:     *Am I someone who follows Jesus?*

Assess:       Which statement is most true for you?

- No one tells me what to do.
- I follow, but I'm easily distracted by other things in life.
- I have good days and bad days, but I try to follow.
- I am sold out and committed to following Jesus every day.

**"I will make you"** – This part of the definition focuses on change. Jesus is alive, and He transforms us into new persons, if we follow Him as His disciples. We are changed as we stay in relationship with Him through Bible study, prayer, the counsel of other believers, and life experiences.

Consider:     *Is Jesus changing me?*

Assess:       Which statement is most true for you?

- I am no different than I always was.
- I take three steps forward and two steps backward.
- I can definitely list areas of my life that Jesus has changed.
- It is becoming a habit for me to lay down my agenda and let Jesus change it to His.

**“Fishers of men”** – A disciple of Jesus is committed to the mission that He had. Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), and to make disciples that would make other disciples.

Consider:     *What is the level of my commitment to the mission of Jesus?*

Assess:       Which statement is most true for you?

- I don't give up time or resources to the mission of Jesus.
- I know I should, but I haven't wanted to commit.
- I try, but I have been confused at times as to what part to play.
- I am sold out and using my time and resources regularly to make disciples.

When we make a commitment to follow Jesus and allow Him to be the authority in our lives, it begins to affect our attitudes and priorities. Our lives begin to reflect the supernatural change of the Holy Spirit at work; this is a heart-level change. Through this, our commitment to the mission of Christ grows, and we begin to align our efforts and resources with the mission of Jesus.

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