

Faith Church - EFCA

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5. DISCIPLESHIP - We believe God called us to be disciples and make disciples.

What is a disciple?

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NIV)

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. Luke 6:40 (NIV)

What does the Bible teach us about living as a disciple?

Living as a disciple will cost you.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is

not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. Luke 14:25–33 (NIV)

Living as a disciple will not be convenient.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:57–62 (ESV)

Where do we find strength to live as a disciple?

What do I gain by growing as a disciple?

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. John 15:4 (ESV)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8 (ESV)

FRUITFULNESS

What does the Bible teach about making disciples?

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19 (ESV)

How do I disciple those around me?

- Multiply by Francis Chan
- Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know by Elliott and Wayne Grudem



Find one person you can meet with two or more times a month to disciple by praying with them and studying the Bible or a book on the basics of the Bible together.

After six months you, and the one you disciplined, both find someone new to disciple.

Text me and let me know if you accept the challenge - 712-330-9880

My excuses

- I don't feel called to disciple.
- I already have too much on my plate.
- I don't know enough.

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***What makes
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