

**January Bible Study Series:  
Walking With God**

To walk with God means **that you and God agree about your life.**

**Amos 3:3, Can two walk together,  
except they be agreed?**



“Being a Christian demands  
constant progression, not  
perfection.”



**Lesson Three:**  
**Walking As A Disciple**

**Matthew 28:19, Therefore go  
and make disciples of all  
nations.**

**John 8:31-32 (NASB),** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

**A disciple is one who is willing to be instructed, trained, and disciplined by the Lord to become like Him in thought, attitude, and action.**

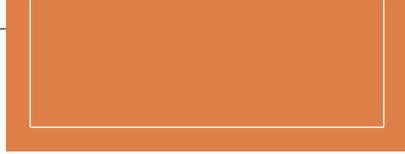


**Our Calling is to Follow the Lord  
Jesus as a Disciple.**

- **Acts 11:26**, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.
- **Acts 26:28**, Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”
- **I Peter 4:16**, However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.



Discipleship is the process of becoming  
who Jesus would be if He were you.



# COUNTING THE COST

**Luke 14:28-33**, For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’?

Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.



There is no personal cost in obtaining salvation - everything is a gift from God. But there is a cost to becoming a disciple - it costs your whole life.

**Matthew 13:45-46**, Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

# **Give The Lord Total Priority**

**Matthew 10:37**, He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

# **Follow the Lord**

**Matthew 10:38-39**, And he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

## **If Necessary, Do Without Life's Comforts**

**Matthew 8:19-20**, Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, 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."

**Luke 14:16-24**, Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yokes of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’”

So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'

# **Excuses:**

- **Possessions** (verse 18)
  - **Work** (verse 19)
  - **Family** (verse 20)



“Discipleship is crucial to our ultimate destiny, but its cost is total commitment.”

# **Marks of a Disciple**

- **Submission**
- **Perseverance**
- **Obedience**
- **Faithfulness**
- **A Servant-Heart**



# **The Act of Consecration**

**1 Peter 3:15**, But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord."

**Joshua 3:5**, And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

**Leviticus 8:22-24**, And he brought the second ram, the ram of consecration. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram, and Moses killed it. Also, he took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet.

Three parts of Aaron's body were touched by the blood of the sacrifice:

- **The Ear**
- **The Thumb**
- **The Toe**



Consecration is the act of continually separating myself from everything except that which god has appointed me to do. It is a onetime experience but an ongoing process.

Romans 12:1, With eyes wide open to the mercy of God, I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him and acceptable by Him.”

## **In His Footsteps**

Matthew 16:24, Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.'



“When you choose to follow Christ, you choose to be changed.”

## **Bible Study Follow Up Chat Question:**

1. What is your greatest takeaway from tonight's lesson?
2. Is there a difference between a Christian and a disciple?
3. What makes discipleship challenging?
4. What makes it hard to persevere?
5. Have you benefited from a disciple relationship?
6. What is meant by consecration?
7. What are some hindrances to living out a consecrated life?
8. The Jesus that you know and see is the Jesus that you become. Agree or disagree.