## Discipleship and the World Alan Andrews

I. Introduction.

A. The riches of Christ are the groundwork of discipleship. We are free in Jesus.

B. Jesus taught that one must give up his life and follow Him. (Luke 19:23)

II. Jesus had a tremendous eye for spotting those who were truly following Him. (Luke 9)

A. People are hung up on material things. Things keep us from fully enjoying the Christian life.

B. Money also easily becomes our god.

C. Family can keep people from serving God. (Ephesians 6:2-3, Luke 9, 12:51)

1. A person must still honor his mother and father.

2. The priority must always begin with God, however.

3. Christians are not to be yoked together based on contact with any nonbeliever, but nonbelievers are not to be neglected either. (II Corinthians 6:14, Colossians 3:15)

D. One must give up his life and follow Jesus.

III. God is looking for a man who will serve and stand in the gap. (II Chronicles 16:9, Jeremiah 5:1, Ezekiel 22:30, Isaiah 59:16, Matthew 28:18-21)

A. The priority is on making disciples.

B. We will be tested based upon what we have given our lives. (I Corinthians 3, II Corinthians 5:10, II Peter 3:10)

## **Application questions:**

1. What traps keep us away from following Christ whole-heartedly?

2. What does the discipleship centered life look like?

3. What trap do you struggle with the most? What can you do this week to take steps towards growing in this area?