

What it Means to be a Disciple

Skip Gray

I. Introduction.

- A. The issue of discipleship has to do with values.
- B. Jesus came to redeem us and give us a completely new quality of life.

II. A disciple is a person who continues in the Word of God. (John 8:31-32)

- A. We must “continue” in the Word of God.
- C. To continue means to read it carefully, study what it means, take into account the context and obedience.

III. A disciple is a person who walks in love. (John 13:34-35)

- A. Love is unconditional and unending.
- B. The opposite of love is indifference. Love is vulnerable.
- C. Washing feet looks different for everyone.

IV. A disciple is a person who bears fruit. (John 15:8)

- A. We must let people “handle” us and be involved with us. (I John 1:1)
- B. Fruit.
 - 1. Fruit means character—Christ-likeness. (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - 2. It also means influence or multiplied disciples. A disciple bears fruit, but it does not happen automatically. (Proverbs 11:30)
- C. We can only teach, pray and be an influence.
- D. We are to be channels and not reservoirs.

Application questions:

1. What is your plan for studying the Bible?

2. What are some modern practical ways we can “wash others feet?”

3. How can you maximize your influence in the lives of those around you? Be specific.
