



“How To Connect With God”

Knowing God Series

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How do we become an actual disciple?

“He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’” Matthew 4:19

3 important attributes of a disciple:

1) “FOLLOW ME”

Jesus’ definition of a disciple is someone who **KNOWS** & **FOLLOWS** Him!

- “Anyone who loves me will **obey my teaching**. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will **not obey my teaching**.” John 14:23-24
- “If anyone would come after me, he **must deny himself** and **take up his cross** and **follow me**. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” Matthew 16:24-26
- This 1st attribute of a disciple is at the **HEAD** level.

2) “AND I WILL MAKE YOU”

- “He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Follow me, **and I will make you** fishers of men.’” Matthew 4:19
- A disciple of Jesus is **CHANGED** by Jesus.
 - “And we are being **transformed into His likeness** with ever-increasing glory, which comes **from the Lord**, who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch **in Me** that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit **He prunes** so that it will be even more fruitful.” John 15:1-2
 - This 2nd attribute of a disciple is at the **HEART** level.

3) “FISHERS OF MEN”

- “He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you **fishers of men**.’” Matthew 4:19
- A disciple of Jesus is saved for a **PURPOSE!**
 - “If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore **Christ’s ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal **through us**.” 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - The 3rd attribute of a disciple, being “**fishers of people**”, is a **CALL TO ACTION!** If our acceptance of Jesus begins in the **head** & extends to the **heart**, then it leads to a change in what we do with our **HANDS**.

A disciple is a person who:

- 1) Is following Christ (**CALL TO ACTION**)
- 2) Is being changed by Christ (**HEART**)
- 3) Is committed to the mission of Christ (**HANDS**)