

The Message Notes

Series: The Making of a Disciple

Message: *Commitment of a Disciple*

Text: Mark 1:16-20



Mark 1:16. One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. **17.** Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

18. And they left their nets at once and followed him. **19.** A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James, and John, in a boat repairing their nets. **20.** He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men. (NLT)

THE TALK:

The **language** of the church is **spiritual** (I Corinthians 2:13-16) and the **teachings** of the church is either **meat** or **milk** (Hebrews 5:11-14). **Hearing** the **message** of God’s Word puts you under **obligation** to **obey** whatever is being asked - **Shema**. **Reference:** Exodus 24:7

Disciple of Christ: A person who submits to **listen**, to **learn**, and to become a **loyal** follower of Christ’s teachings and a **communicator** of His **gospel** to **all people**.

1. The **Call** – “God **chose us** in **Christ** before He created the world, and **called us** to **follow** Him, so we can **proclaim** the **gospel** of Christ to **catch** all people.” Reference: Mark 1:17

2. The **Conversion** – “You **repent** from sin, **reconcile** with God, and become a **follower** of Christ (**regeneration-new person**), tasked with the **ministry** of **reconciling** people to Christ.” Mark 1:17, Acts 20:21

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Cost of Commitment: Leaving All

- **Simon** and **Andrew** – “fished for a **living**, and they **left their nets** at once and **followed** him”
- **James** and **John** – “in a boat **repairing their nets**, **followed** him, **leaving** their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the **hired men**”

References: Luke 14:26-28, Mark 8:36-38

THE TALK:

1. The **Exchange** - Your _____ for His Life

Galatians 2:20. My **old self** has been **crucified** with Christ. It is **no longer I who live**, but **Christ** lives in me (your identity). So I live in this earthly body by **trusting** in the Son of God, who **loved** me and **gave himself** for me. (NLT) Reference: Matthew 20:28, 2 Corinthians 5:15

“A Disciple commits to **ransom** their life for **Christ’s life**.”

2. The **Blessings** – Your _____ on earth

Mark 10:28. Then Peter began to speak up. “We’ve **given up** everything to **follow you**,” he said. **29. “Yes,”** Jesus replied, “and I assure you that everyone who has **given up** house or brothers or sister or mother or father or children or property, for **my sake** and for the **Good News**, **30. will receive now in return** a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with **persecution**. And in the **world to come** that person will have **eternal life**. Reference: Galatians 6:7

3. The **Rewards** – Your _____ in heaven

2 Corinthians 5:10. For we **must all stand** before Christ to be **judged**. We will each receive whatever we **deserve** for the **good** or evil we have **done** in this body. (NLT)

Purpose of rewards: God is **not unjust** - Hebrews 6:10, and your labor is **not in vain** - I Corinthians 15:58

- a) Rewarded for **Good Works**: 1 Corinthians 1:13-14
- b) Rewarded for **Persecution**: Matthew 5:12-13
- c) Rewarded for **Endurance**: James 1:12
- d) Rewarded for **Faithfulness**: 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Your Presentation and Judgement: “What you want to hear!”

Matthew 25:20. The **servant** to whom he had **entrusted** the **five bags of silver** came forward with **five more** and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to **invest**, and I have earned five more.’ **21.** “The master was **full of praise**. ‘**Well done**, my **good** and **faithful** servant (**Affirmation**). You have been **faithful** over in handling this small amount, so now I will give you more responsibilities (**Elevation**). Let’s celebrate together! (**Celebration**). (NLT)

TAKEAWAY: Disciples of Christ **commit** to **exchange** their life (as a ransom) for Christ’s life, so they can follow Him and receive **blessings** on earth and **rewards** in heaven on Judgment Day.