

Morning Lesson

THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 14:25-27

INTRO:

1. Hate in this context is loving less. **Matt. 10:37**
2. Jesus never hid His scars to win a disciple.
3. Christ must come first. **Luke 9:57-62; 14:33**

I. THE NATURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. The disciple is a learner and bears fruit. **John 8:32; 8:31; 20:31; 2 Tim. 2:15; John 15:8**
- B. The disciple is a willing follower of Christ. **John 7:17**

II. THE EXPRESSION OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. A strong interest in the word of God. **John 8:32; Psalm 1:2; Acts 17:11; Psalm 119:47, 97**
- B. A willingness to obey the Lord. **Matt. 7:21; James 1:22; Luke 8:21; Acts 5:29**
- C. Faithfulness to the church. **Acts 2:47; Heb. 10:25; 2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2**
- D. Teaching the word. **Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:2**
- E. Glorifying God with our behavior. **Matt. 5:16; Acts 13:47; Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15**
- F. Be a Christian at home. **John 13:35**
- G. A Christian can endure sorrow without losing hope. **Matt. 11:28, 29; Phil. 4:13**

III. THE REWARDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. First and foremost is salvation and membership in the church and our names in heaven. **Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:42, 47; Luke 10:20**
- B. There is an earthly reward. **Matt. 6:33; John 10:10**
- C. An abundant entrance into heaven. **2 Pet. 1:11 f**
- D. Eternal rest from sorrow. **Rev. 21:4**

CONC:

1. Do I have the marks that identify a disciple?
2. Am I learning? Following? Being a light? Enduring and overcoming?
3. Am I enjoying the rewards of a disciple?