

WE ARE DISCIPLES
#SermonDisciples
Essentials For Growth Part 6
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Matthew 9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collectors booth. **Follow me** and **be my disciple**, Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and **followed him**. (NLT)

TO BE A DISCIPLE...

1. I MUST SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

John 12:26a Anyone **who wants** to **be my disciple must follow me**, because my servants **must be where I am**. (NLT)

Mark 3:14b ...The plan was that they would **be with him**, and he would send them out to proclaim the Word. (MSG)

2. I MUST LOVE JESUS SUPREMELY

Luke 14:26 Anyone who wants to **be my follower must love me far more** than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters – yes, more than his own life otherwise he cannot be my **disciple**. (LB)

Mark 12:29-30 The most important commandment is this... **You must love the Lord** your God with **ALL** your heart, **ALL** your soul, **ALL** your mind, and **ALL** your strength. (NLT)

3. I MUST LOVE OTHERS

John 13:35 If you have **love for one another**, then everyone will know that **you are my disciples**. (TEV)

1 John 4:20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, **he is a liar**. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. (NIV)

4. I MUST OBEY JESUS

John 8:31-32 ...If you continue to **obey my teaching**, you are **truly my followers**.³² Then you will **know the truth**, and the truth will **make you free**. (NCV)

John 15:7-8 If you live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours. ⁸ You give glory to my Father when you produce a lot of fruit and therefore show that you are my disciples. (GW)

5. I MUST SERVE UNSELFISHLY

Matthew 20:28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. (NLT)

Mark 9:35 ...Whoever wants to be the most important person must take the last place and be a servant to everyone else. (GW)

Matthew 16:24 If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (LB)

6. I MUST SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 4:19-20 Jesus called out to them, Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people! ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him. (NLT)

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (NLT)

Mark 8:35 Those who want to save their lives will give up true life. But those who give up their lives for me and for the Good News will have true life. (NCV)