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INTRODUCTION

Matthew 28:19-20 – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit (20) teaching them to observe all that I command you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.



INTRODUCTION

- **7 Characteristics of a Culture of Evangelism**
- **7 Characteristics of a Culture of Discipleship**



Review from last week . . .

- Disciple – one who is a follower of Jesus
- Discipleship – the act of following Jesus
- Discipling – helping others follow Jesus



A Three Part Conversation with Jesus

Part One – Who is Jesus?

Part Two – What will happen to Jesus?

Part Three – What does that mean for His followers?



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Key Point: Jesus' answer to that question is the definition of what it means to be a follower . . . a disciple.



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Part Three – What does that mean for His followers?

- Following means . . . self-denial.
 - Denying your self-sufficiency or self-reliance.
 - Denying your self-interest.



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Part Three – What does that mean for His followers?

- Following means . . . **self-denial.**
- Following means . . . **suffering.**
- Following means . . . **submission.**



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Part Three – What does that mean for His followers?

- Key Point: Biblical discipleship requires a fundamental reorientation of your entire life.



Three Key Application Question

#1 – *Who is Jesus addressing with this definition of discipleship?*

- A Helpful Quotation (See notes.)
- A Helpful Contrast
 - The Rich Young Ruler
 - Zaccheus
- A Helpful Illustration



Three Key Application Question

#2 – What does following Christ look like today?

- Purposeful Self-Abandonment
- Obvious Counter-Cultural Living
- Likelihood of Suffering and/or Persecution



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#2 – What does following Christ look like today?

“Such a concept of discipleship is so radical that many contemporary Christians in the West have difficulty relating to it.”



Three Key Application Question

#3 – *Why would anyone choose to follow Christ?*

- SERIOUS rescue from an awful alternative.
 - You could lose your life.
 - You could lose your soul.
 - You could incur the shame of God.



Three Key Application Question

#3 – *Why would anyone choose to follow Christ?*

- SERIOUS love.
- SERIOUS joy.
- SERIOUS purpose.
- SERIOUS glory.



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That's MY church because we understand the nature of biblical discipleship . . .

- It is a serious following because it requires self-denial, suffering and submission.



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- But it is a sweet following because it flows from Jesus' loving and sacrificial rescue; it is the fulfilling of our created purpose; and it brings indescribable glory to God.



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- Consequently . . . we love being disciples and making disciples!



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