

# Joining Jesus: Life as An Everyday Missionary

## Jesus Hasn't Changed His Mind!

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What did Peter, James, John, et al hear when Jesus said this?

*How do we?*

Notice that the disciples never asked Jesus, "How do you make a disciple?"

*Why is that?*

### 5 characteristics of 1<sup>st</sup> century discipleship:

- 1) The disciple willingly submitted to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his teacher.

Luke 9:23 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

*Have I divorced \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_?*

- 2) The disciple \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his teacher's words.

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Am I learning? Is that learning \_\_\_\_\_ me?*

3) The disciple \_\_\_\_\_ his teacher's life.

**Galatians 4:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> ... my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until **Christ is formed** in you!

**1 John 2:3-6 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> ... **by this we know that we have come to know him**, if we keep his commandments.

<sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

*How do I know I am becoming more like Jesus? What's the criteria I use to measure?*

4) The disciple learned how to \_\_\_\_\_ like his teacher.

**John 14:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also **do the works that I do**; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

*What was critical to Jesus' ministry successes?*

5) The disciple \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others to become disciples of his teacher.

**Matthew 4:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and **I will make you fishers of men.**"

*Who is Jesus reaching through me?*

**Conclusion:** A most sobering question ...

**Luke 6:46 (ESV)**

<sup>46</sup> "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"