

FORMED: Becoming Like Jesus

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What is a Disciple, part 2 of 3

DISCIPLE, *n.* di-'sī-pəl; a follower/student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher; pupil/adherent of their doctrines

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” **Luke 6:40**

“For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son” **Romans 8:29**

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” **Rom. 12:2**

Working Definition: A *disciple* is a dedicated follower of Jesus, aiming toward and increasingly becoming like Jesus.

BIG IDEA: How are disciples formed into Christ-likeness?

1. **We are formed by our _____ with Jesus and his way of life.**

“the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.” **John 5:19-20**

“Make your top priority God’s kingdom and his way of life, and all these things will be given to you as well.” **Matthew 6:33** NTE

2. **We are formed as we invest in _____
—*Know the God the Scriptures reveal.***

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.” **Jn 5:39-40** NLT

“These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.” **John 20:31** TM

We dig in, pour over, read, study, memorize, talk about, meditate on what God has revealed in the Scriptures.

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **John 8:31–32** ESV

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” **John 15:7** ESV

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom, with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God” **Colossians 3:16** LEB

BRING IT HOME: Commit to finding God in Scripture.

- 1 **Ask God to _____ himself to you in the Scriptures.**
- 2 **Read a _____ a day**, or until something jumps out.
- 3 **Ask good _____**: What does this reveal about you, God? About me? What to do about this?
- 4 _____ **it back to him**, agreeing with what he’s said.
Insert your name.
- 5 _____ **on it**—turn it over in your mind. (Ps. 1:2)
- 6 **Put it into _____.**
- 7 **Join a _____**—dive in, discover and change.

As we Participate with the Master and His Truth, we grow and change and become LIKE HIM.