JESUS WANTS DISCIPLES

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MAIN IDEA: We need to recognize that it's not just a matter of calling yourself a Christian, but to be a Christian amount to being a disciple of Jesus.

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. **Matthew 4:18-22**

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20**

1. Discipleship was an essential part of Jesus <u>MESSAGE</u>.

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:31-32**

2. Discipleship was primary part of the <u>MINISTRY</u> of Jesus.

¹³ Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴ He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and to have authority to drive out demons. **Mark 3:13-15**

3. Discipleship was one of Jesus most important <u>MANDATE</u>.

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The "3-M's" of Jesus Discipleship Vision:

-it's part of his Message

-it's part of his Ministry

-it's a <u>Mandate</u>

QUESTION:

Will you continue to be a follower or will you step out of your comfort zone and become **HIS Disciple**?