

**“Five Marks of a True Disciple”  
(Matthew 10:24-42)**

Disciple-making is the central work Christ desires us to do. However, in order to make disciples, we must make sure we ARE disciples. Matthew 10 presents us with the marks of a true disciple. This is the kind of person who. . .

**FOLLOWS the Lord (24-25)**

- **In Submission (24-25a)**
- **In Suffering (25b)**

**FEARS the Lord (26-31)**

- **Because of Ultimate Vindication (26-28)**
- **Because of Ultimate Value (29-31)**

**CONFESSES the Lord (32-33)**

- **Blessings of Courage (32)**
- **Blame of Cowardice (33)**

**LOVES the Lord (34-39)**

- **More Than Family (34-37)**
- **More Than Self (38-39)**

**REWARDED by the Lord (40-42)**

- **For Serving the Servants (40-41)**
- **For Serving the Simple (42)**

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**Small Group/Family Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker:** Who is someone whose life-example you have followed or would like to follow? In life? In your specific vocation?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What are the costs of following Christ closely?
2. Why is it so important for a follower of Christ to not fear men?
3. Share about a time you spoke up boldly for Christ?
4. Read the two accounts in Luke 9:59-62. Why is Jesus so firm? (Consider also Luke 14:26-27)
5. What kind of rewards should a follower of Christ expect in this life and in Heaven?

**Small Group/Family Prayer Time**

Each person begin their prayer by committing to follow Jesus fully, and asking for His help to stay true to that commitment.

**Digging Deeper**

1. What do each of the following verses say about the qualities of a true disciple of Jesus Christ? Jn 8:31; 13:35 and 15:8. Evaluate whether these evidences are in your life.
2. Note that Paul exhorted believers to follow his example in 1 Cor 4:15-16 and Phil 3:17. Who are you are following as your mentor? Who are you influencing by your Christlike example.
3. Are you prepared to “pay the price” of truly following Jesus? Answer this as you consider Mat 8:19-20; 16:24-25; Lk 14:26-27; Jn 15:18-20; 16:2; Acts 20:24; 21:13, and 2 Tim 3:12.
4. Review Mat 10:26-33 noting the three-fold exhortation to “Fear Not” and the challenge to confess Christ openly. Who is someone that you will boldly share Christ with this week?