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Red Bank on Mission
What is a Disciple?
Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commands His church to make disciples. That means Red Bank exists to make disciples. A good question is, “What does a disciple look like?” We need observable characteristics that tell us if a disciple is made. Jesus provides four characteristics that will be present in a disciple’s life.

Additional Verses:

Mathew 10:5-8, 23:37	Luke 14:25-33	John 8:31, 13:35, 15:8
Galatians 1:6, 5:24	2 Timothy 4:7	James 2:14-17

Outline:

1. A disciple radically elevates Jesus above all. (Luke 14:25-33)

2. A disciple unashamedly clings to Jesus’ word. (John 8:31-32)

3. A disciple faithfully loves other believers. (John 13:34-35)

4. A disciple consistently produces good fruit. (John 15:8)

Study Questions:

1. Why or why not are these characteristics surprising?

2. How radical is the call to love Jesus above everyone and everything else? How is this call difficult to live out today?

3. Why is it important to continue in God’s word? How does the world attempt to lure believers away from God’s word?

4. Why is the commandment to love other believers new? How are some practical ways love is demonstrated to one another?

5. Why are believers called to produce fruit? Why is it important to produce good fruit? What are some types of fruit believers produce?

6. How are you demonstrating these characteristics? Do you need to grow in any of these characteristics? How can you do that?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?