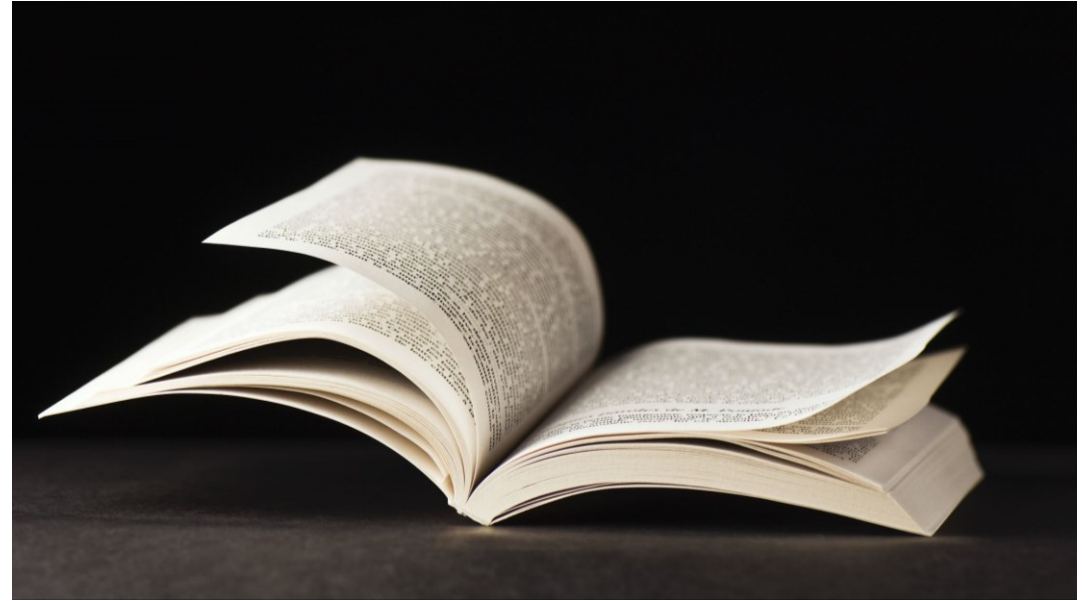




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# What is a Disciple?

Pastor Lenita Reeves

# Opening Prayer / 10 mins



1. **Father, we pray- Open our understanding! Whatever is taught we will understand and retain it. We bind any stronghold of the mind that would hinder the word.**
  - a. **Proverbs 4:7 KJV:** Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
2. **According to Matthew 13:19-23, our hearts are good ground for the word tonight, and that the Word would bear fruit in our lives. Arrest any distractions.**
  - a. **Matthew 13:19-23 NIV: 19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”
3. **Pray that we would be doers of the Word and not only hearers. Let whatever we hear tonight be put into action. Bind the spirit of deception and disobedience; loose understanding and obedience.**
  - a. **James 1:22 NIV: 22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
4. **Pray that Action Chapel Baltimore will grow in love as a family in the bond of peace.**
  - a. **Ephesians 4:1-3 NIV:** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
5. **Pray for Pastor Lenita and cover her family. Pray that she would boldly declare the Word of God.**
  - a. **Ephesians 6:19 KJV:** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

# Agenda

- Overview of “Engaged in the Imperative: Growing Into and Multiplying Disciples”
- Week 1: What is a Disciple?
  - Comprehension
  - Interpretation
  - Application

## Mark 1:16-28 NKJV

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# Comprehension

## What does it say?

- Read the passage **repetitively**.
- Read the passage in **multiple translations**.
- Look up key words in the **dictionary**.
- Write a **main idea** or draw a picture in the margin next to the section it describes.
- Note any **literary techniques** that the author is using. Pay attention to genre rules. (**Comparison, contrast, parable/story, Old Testament reference, colloquiums (local saying), Poem, Narrative, History, Wisdom**)
- Look for **repeated ideas**, connected ideas or progressions of thought and mark them.
- Look for what the passage teaches is true about God (**attributes**).

# Comprehension

## WHAT DO YOU SAY? HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- What are some key words?
  - Witnesses, all nations/ends of the earth, power, Holy Spirit, promised by the Father
- What's a main idea?
  - It will spread from Jew to Gentile
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  - Historical Narrative
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# What is a Disciple?

- “Follow me.” This a life-changing statement and a yes response should radically change your life.
- “follower”
  - From the sea of Galilee to Capernaum to the ends of the earth (Turned the world upside down Acts 17:6)
  - First time seeing a devil cast out – in the synagogue; they didn’t yet understand anything
- Student or apprentice
- Luke 6:40

# Discussion

- Up to this point in your life, would you call yourself a follower of Jesus Christ? Why do you say that? Do you see evidence of your faith as described in ***Luke 6:40 NIV***, “**The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher**”?

# How does someone become a Disciple?

- Matthew 4:17-19
- Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10

# The Lord of Grace

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Meaning of Lord
  - We sometimes think of it as another name for God, but it's actually a title. It refers to a master, owner, or a person who is in a position of authority. So take a minute to think this through: Do you really believe that Jesus is your master? Do you believe that He is your owner—that you actually belong to Him? Paul is so bold as to tell us: “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

# Discussion

- Evaluate your approach to following Jesus. Would you say that you view Jesus as your Lord, Master, and Owner? Why or why not?

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# It All Comes Down to Love

- **1 John 3:16:** By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers
- **John 14:15**
- **He who is forgiven much loves much**
- Luke 9:23-24 NIV: <sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

# Discussion

- As you look at your life, how would you say that your love for God is shown in your actions? (If you're having trouble coming up with an answer, take some time to think through some changes you may need to make in your lifestyle.)

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- **Luke 14:25–33 NIV:** 25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ 31 “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

# Final Questions for Consideration

- If you choose to obey Jesus's call to follow, what might it cost you?
- What might hold you back from following Jesus at this point? Are you willing to let go of these things if necessary?





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