

As we work our way through *multiply*, we will be looking at the Scriptures as our source for the model of biblical discipleship. Our goal is to discover the truth of God's Word for ourselves so that we are firmly established in this truth. (Psalm 119:38)

Important: Please allow this study material to set the pace and agenda for your daily study. As we go, we will cover each chapter in *multiply* subsection by subsection. We will read several pages in *multiply* and dig into the Scriptures. Then read some more in *multiply* and go back into the Word. The materials are organized this way for the best flow and so that they complement each other without duplicating a lot of the content.

To maximize the effectiveness of your study it is best if you **don't read ahead in *multiply* until asked to do so**. We don't want to rob you of the joy of discovering these Scriptural truths for yourself



## Part 1, Chapter 1 – “What is a Disciple?”

### Day One:

What is a disciple? Read *p. 15-17* of **multiply**

Luke 6:40 KJV - *The disciple is not above his master . . .*

*Disciple - Mathētēs (Strong's #3101: μαθητής) - learner, pupil, disciple; one who follows one's teaching*

**Jesus calls His disciples.** As we begin to consider what it means to be a disciple let's look at how Jesus called His disciples. For each passage listed below, compare and contrast Jesus' calling of His disciples – what do they have in common? What is different? What is the context of each call? Who is He calling? What is their response? What events immediately precede this? What details are added in the different Gospels? What is He calling them to? Use extra paper as needed.

**Hint:** Always pray before beginning your study. The Holy Spirit is our teacher who guides us into all truth (John 16:13). Invite Him to teach you.

Mark the words “*disciples*” and “*Jesus*” with their corresponding pronouns. Use a different color or shape for each word. Note what you learn from marking the words.

**John 1:35–50**

**Mark 1:14-20**

**Matthew 4:17-22**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-28** – Also, mark the words “*Follow me*” in another color/shape.  
What do you learn from marking these words?

## Day Two:

Today we want to take a closer look at Jesus, the One whom we are following. How is Jesus introduced in the Gospels? Who are the disciples following? What did they know/understand about Jesus when they were called? What was He calling them to? Be sure to answer from the text, not from your memory 😊. When you answer directly from the text it has the added benefit of ingraining the Scriptures into your mind and memory.

**Hints:** For each passage of scripture listed below, read the verses in context, i.e. read the verses before and after the emphasized sections. (Remember to pray asking the Holy Spirit to teach you.)

- 1) Ask/Answer Who, What, Where, When, Why and How (5Ws & H) –  
Who is the passage talking about?  
What are they doing?  
Where are they?  
When is this happening? Same time, different times?  
Why? Is a purpose given for the action taken or statement made?  
How was it done? How was it known? (i.e. How did John recognize Jesus?)

The more questions you ask, the more you observe and learn from the passage through the Holy Spirit’s teaching. Don’t cheat yourself by rushing through this. S...l...o...w  
d...o...w...n!

- 2) Mark/highlight “*Jesus*” and any pronouns or synonyms (other words/names used for Jesus).
- 3) List what you learn about Jesus from each of the following passages. I.e. Who is He? How does John the baptizer introduce Jesus?

**John 1:1, 14-17**

Luke 2:21-39, esp. 28-32

John 1:24-37

Matthew 3:11-17

Luke 3:15-18

In all the above passages, what was the response of each person invited to follow Jesus? How long did it take them respond to the invitation?

Answer question #1 from **multiply** (p. 17) in the space below:

### Days Three and Four:

**Who can be a disciple?** How do I become a disciple? For each passage below, mark the words “*disciples*” and “*Jesus*” with their corresponding pronouns. Use a different color or shape for each word. What do you learn from marking these words?

**Matthew 9:9-13**

**Luke 4:43; Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:15** (Also mark the words “*kingdom*” and “*repent.*”) - What was Jesus message/purpose?

**John 1:12** - Who can be a disciple? How do I become a disciple?

**John 3:1-21, 36** - Mark "*Nicodemus*," "*Jesus*," "*God*" and "*Spirit*" and the corresponding pronouns. Who can be a disciple? How?

**What is the Gospel?** The word "*gospel*" means "*good news*." Some of these will be very familiar verses, but please don't gloss over them. Clearly understanding the gospel and having these verses readily in our minds helps us to always be ready "...to give an account for the hope that is in you..." (1 Peter 3:15)

**Romans 1:16-17** - Mark "*Gospel*," "*righteousness*" and "*God*."

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** - Mark "*Christ*" and "*Scriptures*".

**Romans 3:23** - Mark "*sin*." To whom does this apply?

**Romans 6:23** - Mark "*sin*" and "*in Christ Jesus*."

**Romans 5:8** - Who did Christ die for? What was our condition when Christ died?

**Romans 10:9** - What do you need to do to be saved? Saved from what?

**Acts 16:16-34** (specifically verse 31) - Mark these people; "*Jesus*," "*Paul*," "*Silas*," "*jailer*" and their pronouns. What do you need to do to be saved? Saved from what?

Read **Ephesians 2** – Using the observation worksheet at the end of this lesson, observe the whole chapter, continually asking, “What does it say?” **Do not** read any commentaries or study bible notes at this point. Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher. **Hint:** See appendix for “How to Do a Chapter Study”

- 1) Pray – Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and heart so you can see wondrous things in His word (Psalm 119:18).
- 2) Read through the chapter multiple times (3 or more), slowing down to absorb the message and listen to the Holy Spirit begin to teach you. Don’t skip or rush this step. It is critical to understanding all that the Lord has for you!
- 3) Ask Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How (5 W’s and H). Read through all the questions first, so you don’t duplicate answers.
  - a. Who is it about (you, God, Christ...)? Note the people and/or categories of people (citizens, strangers/foreigners...)
  - b. What does it say about you? What was your “condition” initially? Does it change? What is your status now? How? Why? Make a list of what you observe. Feel free to use more paper as needed.
  - c. What do you learn about God? About Christ? The Spirit? What role does each one have?





## Day Five:

Read from **multiply** p.21-25.

Read **Matthew 22:34-40** and mark “*Jesus*” and “*commandment*” and the respective corresponding pronouns. What does our Lord ask from us? Is it an option?

Answer question #4 on page 22 from **multiply** below:

**Luke 14:25-33:** Observe the whole passage in context, continually asking, “What does it say?” **Do not** read any commentaries or study bible notes at this point. Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher.

1. Pray – Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and heart so you can see wondrous things in His word (Psalm 119:18).
2. Read through the passage multiple times (3 or more), slowing down to absorb the message and listen to the Holy Spirit begin to teach you. Don’t skip or rush this step. It is critical to understanding all that the Lord has for you!
3. Ask Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How (5 W’s and H) Read through all the questions first, so you don’t duplicate answers. Ask your own questions!
  - a. Who is it about? (Jesus, anyone, ...) Note the people and/or categories of people (father, mother, disciples ...). Mark key words.

b. What is a disciple according to this passage? What must a disciple do?

c. What questions does Jesus ask? Why? What is His point?

**Counting the Cost:** Read **Matthew 8:18-27**; Mark “*Jesus*” and “*disciples*.” What rewards does Jesus lay before His disciples?

**Luke 9:57-62** - Mark “*Follow Me*.” What cost(s) does Jesus lay before His disciples?

**Matthew 19:16-30** – Observe the passage as you have already done for Ephesians 2 and Luke 14 earlier this week. Ask 5W’s & H. Identify and mark key words/phrases.

Who are the people involved?

What questions did the young man ask Jesus? How did Jesus respond?

How did the young man respond in the end? What was the barrier he faced?

Who was watching the exchange between Jesus and the young man? How did they come to observe the exchange? What was their reaction? What questions did they ask?

How did Jesus respond to the watchers?

What principle(s) of discipleship was Jesus modeling for us as He interacted with the young man and those watching? What can you learn about how to disciple others from this passage? **Hint:** What did Jesus do?

Read from **multiply** p.24-25 then prayerfully answer questions #5-7. You can use the space below for your answers if preferred.

## EPHESIANS 2:1-22 NASB

### OBSERVATION WORKSHEET

- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;
- 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands
- 12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

EPHESIANS 2:1-22 OBSERVATION WORKSHEET CONTINUED...

- 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,
- 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;
- 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
- 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
- 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.