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Discipleship

Scripture

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” *Matthew 28:18-20*

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”
Luke 9:23

Study

Gospel → Identity → Discipleship

- The good news creates a new person, which leads to a new life.
- In the gospel, we are not only forgiven of our sins, we are made followers of our savior.

“Follow Me”: The Call to Discipleship

- Jesus’ call to sinners was “follow me” (*Luke 9:23*).
- Jesus’ commission to the church was to make disciples (*Matthew 28:19-20*).
- Discipleship is a lifelong process of knowing and following Jesus.

What Is a Disciple?

- A disciple is a follower, learner, and imitator.
- Disciples make disciples who make disciples.

Cheap Grace: Barriers to Discipleship

- Consumeristic Christianity: Jesus and the church exist to serve me.
- Cultural Christianity: Claiming Christ’s name, but never showing any change.
- Christless Christianity: Kingdom without a king.

The Discipline of the Disciple

- Becoming like Christ will not happen accidentally, but only through intentional discipline and dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- Spiritual disciplines are rhythms of holiness that make us more like Jesus.

Discussion

- How is a disciple of Jesus different from a mere believer in Jesus?
- Do you see evidence of cheap grace in Christian churches today?
- In your life, do you ever feel a tension between being a disciple and being a consumer?
- What rhythms of holiness are present in your life?