

## **Everyday Discipleship with Real People**

### **Teaching #1: “The Journey to Christlikeness!”**

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Christian Discipleship is the intentional journey to Christlikeness!

#### **Read Romans 8:29:**

- + “predestined to become”
- + “conformed to the image of His Son”

God chose you to look like Jesus!

#### **Look at the context. Read Romans 8:26-28:**

- + “according to the will of God” (27)
- + “to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (28).

What is that purpose? “To become conformed to the image of His Son – to be God’s “image bearer” (Genesis 1:26-28).

#### **Read Colossians 1:15.**

- + “the image of the invisible God”

When we look like Jesus – Christlikeness – we do that which Christ came to do (Luke 19:10 & Matthew 28:18-20)!

#### **Memorize Mark 1:17:**

- + The Call = “Follow Me”
- + The Promise = “I will make you become...”

Discipleship is the life-long journey of learning and manifesting who you are as a “disciple” through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. A disciple is a person who intentionally follows the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ.

FOCUS: The call of discipleship requires you to “follow” Jesus. The promise of discipleship requires you to trust the work of the Holy Spirit to “make you become.”

#### **Read Philippians 2:12-13.**

- + “work out your salvation with fear and trembling”
- + “it is God at work in you ... for His good pleasure”

Christian Discipleship is a BOTH-AND: Hard work + a lot of trusting God! This journey is a long obedience in the same direction of Christlikeness (Matthew 11:28-30)!

#### **Read 1 Timothy 4:7b-8.**

- + “Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness”
- + “godliness is profitable for all things”

**We are to train ourselves according to godliness – the pattern of Jesus’ life (“godliness” = “Christlikeness”).**

#### **Action Items for this week:**

- 1) Start the 90-Day New Testament Reading Challenge, reading Matthew 1-21 this week. Pick up a reading plan.**
- 2) Start a notebook or journal about your reading plan. Bring it next week as I will teach you how to write a SOAP journal entry for either each chapter or each day.**