



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“What Would God Say?”

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SIMPLE CLARITY

Matthew 28:18-20a (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."

* **Question:** What would God say... defines a disciple?

John 8:30-31 (NLT)

30 Then many who heard him say these things believed in him. 31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings."

John 8:30-31 (The Message)

Then Jesus turned to the Jews who claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure."

* **Important:** There are _____, experiences, and _____ that define a disciple.

1. A disciple is a _____.

Matthew 5:1 (NLT)

One day as the crowds were gathering, Jesus went up the mountainside with his disciples and sat down to teach them.

Luke 11:1 (NLT)

Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2. A disciple has made a _____ commitment to the _____ of Jesus.

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you want to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross daily, and follow me. 24 If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life."

II Cor. 5:15 (NLT)

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them.

- Every area = No " _____ "
- _____ commitment

Personal Action Steps

- What would I say are defining characteristics of a true disciple?
- In what practical ways am I applying point #1?
- Why is it important to understand "Lordship" that is founded in Amazing Love?