



**MATTHEW: THE KING  
AND HIS KINGDOM**

# **The Definition Of a Disciple**

**Matthew 4:18-25**



# Additional Scripture References

- Matthew 28:16-20
- John 1:40-42
- John 6:37
- Philippians 1:6



# What Is a Disciple?



“A disciple was an adherent or follower of a master, an intimate companion in some common endeavor, often learning and promoting a particular ideology.”



*Craig Blomberg*

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is someone who responds to the call of Christ and follows him, is being changed by him, and lives on mission for him.*



Know:

“Follow me...”

God's people respond to  
Christ's call by following  
Him



"If I was saved by my good works -- then there would be a limit to what God could ask of me or put me through. I would be like a taxpayer with rights. I would have done my duty and now I would deserve a certain quality of life. But if it is really true



*Prodigal God, Tim Keller*

that I am a sinner saved by sheer grace-  
at God's infinite cost -- then there's nothing  
he cannot ask of me."



*Prodigal God, Tim Keller*

Grow:

“...and I will make you...”

Christ Transforms His  
Followers



“Self-help doesn’t help, my self is the problem.”



*Jared C. Wilson*

Go:

“...fishers of men.”

Christ Followers Join  
Christ's Mission



# The King Confirms His Authority Over All



Wherever Christ went, he confirmed his Divine mission by miracles, which were emblems of the healing power of his doctrine, and the influences of the Spirit which accompanied it. We do not now find the Saviour's miraculous healing power in



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our bodies; but if we are cured by medicine, the praise is equally his. Three general words are here used. He healed every sickness or disease; none was too bad; none too hard, for Christ to heal with a word. Three diseases are named; the palsy,



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which is the greatest weakness of the body; lunacy, which is the greatest malady of the mind; and possession of the devil, which is the greatest misery and calamity of both; yet Christ healed all, and by thus curing bodily diseases, showed that his



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great errand into the world was to cure spiritual maladies. Sin is the sickness, disease, and torment of the soul: Christ came to take away sin, and so to heal the soul.



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