

30 Day Church Challenge

Growing As A Disciple

1-24-16

ekklesia (Church) actually means: An assembly or gathering.

Acts 2:42-47 - They **devoted themselves** to the **apostles' teaching** and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- **Devoted means: To be earnest towards, to persevere, be constantly diligent, or attend tirelessly all of the exercises.**

1. **WHAT IS THE _____ OF THE CHURCH?**

Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ **Therefore go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- **THE PURPOSE IS TO MAKE _____.**

2. **WHAT IS A _____?**

- **DISCIPLE MEANS: *To be the disciple of one; to follow his precepts and instruction.***

THREE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE:

Matthew 4:19-20 - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

1. "FOLLOW ME," INVOLVES THE _____.
DO I KNOW?

Matthew 4:19 - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, . . .

FOLLOW MEANS: THE SAME WAY WITH.

John 12:26 - Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

- ***KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT OBEDIENCE LEADS TO PRIDE.***

1 Corinthians 8:1-2 - Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. **Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.** ² The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- **Encourage means: To call near, invite, invoke.**
- **Build up means: To be a house-builder, construct, confirm.**

2. "AND I WILL MAKE YOU," INVOLVES THE _____.
DO I KNOW IT IS TRUE?

Matthew 4:19 - "...and I will make you..."

The process of transformation or what we would call sanctification.

"will make" means: to render or "make" one or oneself anything, or cause a person or thing to become something.

Romans 8:29 -For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, . . .

- ***HE TRANSFORMS HOW WE SEE THE WORLD, WHAT WE VALUE, AND WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE IMPORTANT.***

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

3. "FISHERS OF MEN," INVOLVES THE _____.

DO I KNOW IT IS TRUE AND AM I DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

Matthew 4:19-20 - "...fishers of men." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

2 Corinthians 5:15-20 - And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. . . .

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- ***WHEN A DISCIPLE'S HEART IS TRANSFORMED, IT MOVES US INTO ACTION.***

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

A GROWING DISCIPLE OF CHRIST IS A PERSON WHO IS FOLLOWING CHRIST (HEAD), IS BEING TRANSFORMED (HEART), WHICH LEADS TO A COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION OF CHRIST (HANDS).