

Who We Are at FBC

A Disciple is...

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Review our Mission:

Loving God, Loving People, Making Him Known

(addicts, bodybuilders and starting gate)

Our vision to help meet our mission: **Make disciples who make disciples through intentional relationships**

However before we look at our vision statement we need to first understand what a Disciple is.

The word itself means: _____ or _____

In Jesus day a disciple was even more than this, he/she is one whose desire was not to simply learn, but to become like the Master. Our definition attempts to bring this out.

A Disciple is: A Follower of Jesus, Being Changed by Jesus, Helping others to follow Jesus

Notice who is the focus in the definition...

1. A Follower of Jesus: more than a fish sticker or church goer...

Jesus makes it very clear that in order to be a follower a couple of things need to take place in our lives...Luke 9:23-24

a. _____: No longer about me

b. Take up your cross: _____ to self. Psalm 94:11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.

Word Picture: _____ our new role, a challenge to fully embrace it. What helped Paul to embrace it?

Philippians 3:3-11

He put absolutely no confidence in the _____

What about you?

What do we get instead? _____! A no brainer

What else does a follower do? _____ the truths in the bible
John 8:31... if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

See this in King David in Psalm 37:3-5 Trust, delight, commit

2. Being changed by Jesus: An _____ process, letting _____
work in our hearts

a. _____: to **HIS** likeness, no one/thing else Rom 8:29

b. _____: into **HIS** likeness 2 Corth. 3:18

See in King David Psalm 25:4-5, show me, teach me, guide me

3. Helping others to follow Jesus: What we see taking place
throughout the New Testament

The One Another Passages:

1/3 speak of _____ 1/3 speak of _____
15% on _____

God wants to use each of us in the lives of others... Heb. 10:24

See in the life of Paul as described in 1 Thess. 2:7-12

1. Understanding that a disciple is more than a mere believer but one who is fully committed to follow Jesus, how would you assess how you are doing? What is getting in the way?

2. How has God been changing you? How open are you?

3. Will you embrace God's desire that He wants to use YOU to help grow people in their relationship with Him?