

Agape House of Worship
Midweek Bible Study

Topic: The Marks Of A Disciple II

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Marks defined: 1. Make a visible impression or stain on. Syn. Notch, Scar, Blot 2. A written word or symbol on an object, typically for identification purposes. Syn. Name, Initial, Tag, Stamp, Brand 3. A noteworthy quality or feature of. Syn. Characteristic, Trait, Sign

Disciple of Christ defined: A disciple is a believer who follows Christ for the purpose of learning from Christ how to be like Christ. This same disciple then offers his own imitation of Christ as a model for others to follow. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

*We learn from Him to be like Him! (Ex. soldier)

- Signed contract (Oath)
- Boot camp (harsh discipline)
- Life style (branded)

The supreme goal of a disciple of Christ is to become like their teacher, inside and out (in everything).
Matt. 4:19 Come, follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.

Let's learn from Jesus

Read John 13:1-17 TPT

John 13:1 Jesus knew that the night before Passover would be his last night on earth before leaving this world to return to the Father's side. All throughout his time with his disciples, Jesus had demonstrated a deep and tender love for them. And now he longed to show them the full measure of his love. 2 Before their evening meal had begun, the accuser had already deeply embedded betrayal into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 3 Now Jesus was fully aware that the Father had placed all things under his control, for he had come from God and was about to go back to be with him. 4 So he got up from the meal and took off his outer robe and took a towel and wrapped it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' dirty feet and dry them with his towel. 6 But when Jesus got to Simon Peter, he objected and said, "I can't let you wash my dirty feet—you're my Lord!" 7 Jesus replied, "You don't understand yet the meaning of what I'm doing, but soon it will be clear to you." 8 Peter looked at Jesus and said, "You'll never wash my dirty feet—never!" "But Peter, if you don't allow me to wash your feet," Jesus responded, "then you will not be able to share life with me." 9 So Peter said, "Lord, in that case, don't just wash my feet, wash my hands and my head too!" 10 Jesus said to him, "You are already clean. You've been washed completely and you just need your feet to be cleansed—but that can't be said of all of you." For Jesus knew which one was about to betray him, 11 and that's why he told them that not all of them were clean. 12 After washing their feet, he put his robe on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I just did?" Jesus said. 13 "You've called me your teacher and lord, and you're right, for that's who I am. 14-15 So if I'm your teacher and lord and have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I've set for you and wash one another's dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you. 16 I speak to you timeless truth: a servant is not superior to his master, and an apostle is never greater than the one who

sent him. 17 So now put into practice what I have done for you, and you will experience a life of happiness enriched with untold blessings!”

Marks 1-4 (Last week's Bible Study)

Mark #5: A disciple practices humility

John 13: 4 So **he got up** from the meal and **took off his outer robe** and took a towel and wrapped it around his waist

- What is humility? Greek word translated as humility, ταπεινῶω (*tapeinoō*), literally refers to height and suggests making oneself low or close to the ground.
- Humility, an action word: 1 Pet 5:6-7 “**Humble yourselves**, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”
 - Our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrates how this is done: He got up/took off His robe
- Humility vs. Weakness
- The Promise Of Humility - Ps 138:6 Though the Lord is exalted, **he looks kindly** on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

Mark #6: A disciple is a servant leader

First let's talk about the Self Serving Leader. The self serving leader seeks his own glory and benefits first. He/she invests little to no time in those he leads. And clings to power and position.

The servant leader : Jesus explained his style of servant-leadership in relation to the self-seeking and domineering method of leadership that his followers were used to.

The one who rules, Jesus taught, should be like the one who serves (Lk 22:26). Greatness in God's sight is not found in how many people serve the leader but rather in how faithfully the leader serves others.

Followers of Jesus are converted into leaders and leaders never cease knowing what it means to follow.

Jesus washing the feet of the disciples is the classic Christian model of how a leader must be a servant (Jn 13). Jesus didn't wait for others to wash His feet, He washed theirs.

Mark #7: A disciple is able to submit to God's Word, those God has placed in leadership and those who are in community with him & be held accountable

Submission: Greek word is *hupotasso*, which means “to put under or arrange under.” Ex. Our Lord Jesus Christ was submissive

- A disciple is submissive to the Word: John 14:15
- A disciple is submissive to those God placed in Authority: Heb 13:17
- A disciple submits to others / held accountable: Eph 5:21