

# THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

## Lesson 2

Wednesday,  
January 14

What's a disciple? How are disciples made? What do they do? Why does discipleship still matter? We're using the Gospels and *The Acts of the Apostles* to notice together the sort of things the earliest disciples did. Maybe if we spend some time looking over their shoulders and listening in to their conversations, it will help us grow as disciples of Jesus too.

In [Luke 5:27](#), as Jesus walked by a tax booth, he saw a tax collector named Levi and said to him, "\_\_\_\_\_ me." We learned in our last lesson that disciples leave things behind. "And leaving everything, [Levi] rose and followed him" ([5:28](#)).

And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large \_\_\_\_\_ of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are \_\_\_\_\_. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to \_\_\_\_\_. ([5:29-32](#))

We'll talk more about this scene as a class, but for now, notice: **disciples make Jesus a \_\_\_\_\_ for their friends who don't yet know him.** And what's the goal? That those people would also spend time with Jesus, leave things behind, and become disciples.

In [Luke 6:39-40](#), Jesus gave us one of the clearest descriptions of what it really means to become a disciple.

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not \_\_\_\_\_ his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."

That's not hard to understand, is it? **Disciples are being \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ their teacher.** And of all the influences and influencers in the world, why should we take Jesus most seriously of all? In [John 6](#), Jesus made some absolutely incredible statements. In [6:35](#), he described himself as "the bread of life." In [6:38](#), he said, "I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." In [6:45](#), he quoted the Prophets, "And they will all be \_\_\_\_\_ by God." Think about that! **Disciples of Jesus are learning from \_\_\_\_\_.** Clearly, there's a lot to learn, so let's talk about it...

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- We also know the tax collector that Jesus called in [Luke 5:27](#) as...  
How were tax collectors viewed and treated by Jews in Jesus' day?
- Why do you think the Pharisees and scribes grumbled in [5:30](#)?
- The point we drew from this passage is that **disciples make Jesus a focal point for their friends who don't yet know him**. How did Levi do that? And let's make it personal: how can we do that today?
- Why do we need to always keep in mind what Jesus said in [5:31-32](#)?
- In [Luke 6:39](#), Jesus told a very short and simple parable, but what did he mean by it?
- We learned from [6:40](#) that **disciples are being trained to be like their teacher**. We hear about all sorts of training in different spheres of life. In what way are disciples of Jesus being trained? How does that happen?
- [John 6:45](#) showed us that **disciples of Jesus are learning from God**. Why is this such an important point?
- In our next lesson, we'll take a careful look at Jesus' sermon on the mount ([Matt 5-7](#)). "Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them..." Taking a look ahead, how does [Matthew 5-7](#) train us to be more like Jesus?