

THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 5

Wednesday,
February 4

A disciple is not above his _____, but everyone when he is fully trained will be _____ his teacher. (Luke 6:40)

Jesus' sermon on the mount is full of teaching that trains his disciples to be like him and in this lesson, we focus on Matthew 7, beginning with this powerful principle: **disciples never _____ asking, seeking, and knocking.**

"_____, and it will be given to you; _____, and you will find; _____, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give _____ things to those who ask him!" (7:7-11)

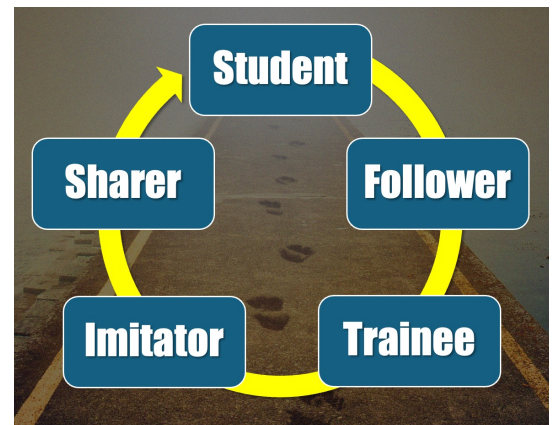
However much we may learn, we will never graduate beyond discipleship. We will never become so mature that we can stop asking, seeking, and knocking. Discipleship is a lifelong process. Each one of us must be humble enough to consistently look in the mirror and ask...

- ❖ "Am I overlooking a '_____' in my own eye?" (7:1-5)
- ❖ "Am I actually walking the path that leads to _____?" (7:13-14)

Secondly, **disciples _____ others the way they would _____ to be treated.**

That's the "golden rule" Jesus taught in Matthew 7:12. Finally, **disciples bear the _____ that comes from _____ the will of the Father who is in heaven.** Jesus warned his disciples that some are not who they claim to be (7:15) and that we must grow to recognize what "healthy" and "bad fruit" looks like (7:16-20). Not everyone who calls Jesus "Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven (7:21-23). But the person who hears Jesus, follows Jesus, and practices the way of Jesus, that person will be like a wise man who built his house on the _____ (7:24-27).

What have we seen? What do we need to understand and apply? Let's dig in...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Disciples never stop asking, seeking, and knocking.** Why do some get to the point that they *don't* ask, seek, and knock the way they once did? What's the danger in that situation?

- ▶ What will it look like for a disciple to continue asking, seeking, and knocking for the rest of their journey through life?

- ▶ Why must each one of us be humble enough to consistently look in the mirror and ask...
 - "Am I overlooking a 'log' in my own eye?" (7:1-5)

 - "Am I actually walking the path that leads to life?" (7:13-14)

- ▶ **Disciples treat others the way they would like to be treated** (7:12). Of all the things to be mindful of and concerned about as a disciple in the 21st century, why does this still matter?

- ▶ **Disciples bear the fruit that comes from doing the will of the Father who is in heaven.** In your own words, what is Jesus warning us about...
 - "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves..." (7:15-20)?

 - "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven..." (7:21-23)?

- ▶ In light of everything we've talked about, what will the "good fruit" that is borne by a "healthy tree" look like in everyday life (7:17-18)?

- ▶ As we wrap up this little three-part survey of Jesus' sermon on the mount in our overall study of the things disciples do, what can we learn from Jesus' conclusion in 7:24-27?