

THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 6

Wednesday,
February 11

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

After delivering his great sermon on the mount, Matthew 8 tells us about a tough night in the lives of Jesus' disciples.

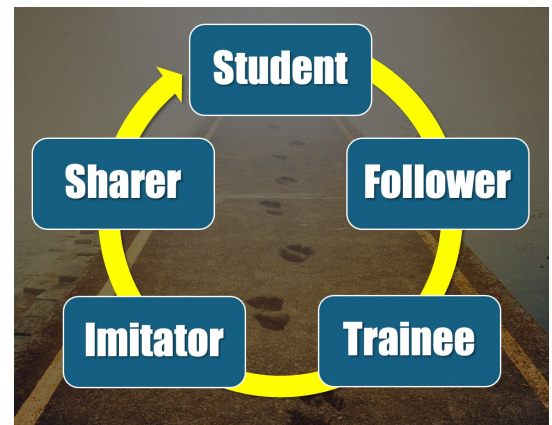
And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, "_____ us, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea _____ him?" (8:23-27)

It might be easy to think at first that if I follow Jesus, life will never be difficult, but that's not the way life works. And yet, Matthew 8 teaches us a valuable lesson. **Disciples experience _____ and _____ out to Jesus.**

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some _____ who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who _____ for them out of their means. (Luke 8:1-3)

Disciples are _____. But what if we only have a very little? **Disciples learn not to discount _____ sacrifices.** In John 6, more than 5,000 people were following Jesus and an important question came up. "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" Andrew mentioned, "There is a boy here who has _____ barley loaves and _____ fish, but what are they for so many?" With a small sacrifice, Jesus was able to do the incredible.

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



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Disciples experience storms and call out to Jesus.** We obviously live a very long time after the events described in [Matthew 8](#), but what sort of “storms” might we also experience?
- ▶ “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” ([Matt 8:26](#)). Why do you think Jesus said that to his disciples?
- ▶ In your own words, what might it look like and sound like to call out to Jesus in the midst of a “storm” today? Are there other passages in the New Testament that can help us understand why this is such an important blessing in the life of a disciple?
- ▶ [Luke 8:1-3](#) told us about some women who provided for Jesus and the twelve out of their means. As you look back over those verses, what stands out to you?
- ▶ **Disciples are generous.** In your own words, what does it mean to be generous? What might that look like, even this week?
- ▶ Of all the things for God to care about, why generosity? Why can't I just follow Jesus and appreciate his teachings without being generous?
- ▶ But what if we only have a very little? **Disciples learn not to discount small sacrifices.** Why do you think Jesus tested Philip the way he did in [John 6:5-7](#)?
- ▶ How does the boy with five barley loaves and two fish serve as a great example of why disciples should never discount what Jesus can do with small sacrifices? Can you think of any modern examples of what the Lord can do with small sacrifices made by his disciples?