

THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 7

Wednesday,
February 18

A disciple is _____ above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully _____ will be like his teacher. (Luke 6:40)

Our last study left off in [John 6](#) where we learned that disciples shouldn't discount small sacrifices. Jesus used five barley loaves and two fish given by a boy to feed thousands! But the next day, when the crowd figured out that Jesus had gone to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, they tracked him down.

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw _____, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to _____ life, which the Son of Man will give to you." (6:26-27)

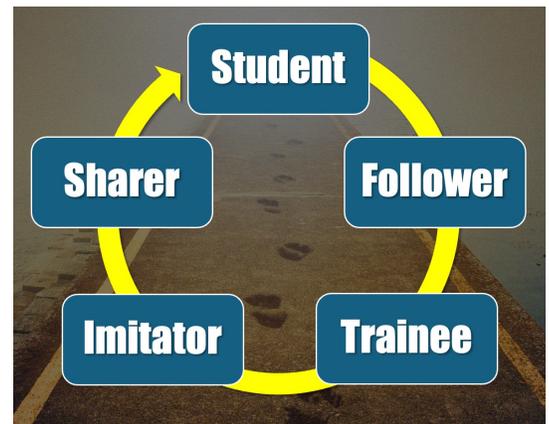
As Jesus taught them that he is "the _____ of life" (6:35-51) and that without him, we have no life (6:52-65), "many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked _____ him" (6:66). But when Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" listen to what Simon Peter said: "Lord, to whom shall we go? _____ have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God" (6:68-69).

Disciples _____ with Jesus, even when others walk away from him.

As we stick with Jesus and are trained to be like him, he teaches us an indispensable lesson in [John 8:31-32](#). "_____ you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **Disciples _____ in Jesus' word.**

As Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and affliction, [Matthew 9:36](#) tells us that he had compassion for the crowds because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep _____ a shepherd." Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." And what did he call us to do? Pray (9:37-38). **Disciples _____ earnestly to the Lord of the harvest.**

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



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Disciples stick with Jesus, even when others walk away from him.** In your own words, why did “many of his disciples” (6:66) walk away from Jesus in [John 6](#)? As modern disciples, we’re not immune. Sometimes disciples still turn back and no longer walk with Jesus, so what do we need to be aware of and on guard against?
- ▶ What did Jesus mean when he said, “I am the bread of life” (6:35, 48)?
- ▶ Let’s go back and read Simon Peter’s answer to Jesus in [John 6:67-69](#). Why is that such a great answer? How can we apply and live in the light of that great answer today?
- ▶ **Disciples abide in Jesus’ word.** Why is the “if” of Jesus’ statement in [John 8:31](#) critically important?
- ▶ In everyday terms, what does it mean to “abide in” Jesus’ word? What will that look in our lives today?
- ▶ What did Jesus mean when he said that his disciples “will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (8:32)? What do we need to be set free from?
- ▶ **Disciples pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest.** Notice again what Matthew tells us about Jesus in [Matthew 9:35-36](#). How can statements like this contribute to our training so that we can be more and more “like” our teacher ([Luke 6:40](#))?
- ▶ In your own words, what do you think Jesus meant in [Matthew 9:37](#)?
- ▶ What might it sound like to do what Jesus is telling his disciples to do in [Matthew 9:38](#)? Why do we still need to do this, even today?