

# The Call to Discipleship

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The Mission of The Bridge is: to inspire this generation to become totally devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Let's break this down together.

What do you think is meant by "this generation"? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think it means to be a "totally devoted follower of Jesus Christ"? \_\_\_\_\_

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List any areas that come to mind that have not yet arrived at "totally devoted" in your life:

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When Jesus was calling His original disciples, we read his words in Matthew 4:19. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

From this verse we discover a Disciple is one who is:

1. Following Jesus
2. Being changed by Jesus
3. On Mission with Jesus

What do you think it means to follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Luke 9:59-62 and add to your description of following Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you suppose is involved in being changed by Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would God not want us to remain where we are in our relationship with Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Luke 14:25-33. What does Jesus want His disciples to be willing to give up? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus never promised that being His follower would be easy. It will be rewarding beyond what our human minds can comprehend, but not easy.

What does it mean to be on Mission with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Matthew 28:19-20 and tell what you believe Jesus' mission to be: \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 2:2 states, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Here we find 4 layers of Discipleship: Paul → Timothy → Reliable People → Others

Paul has given a strategy to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:19-20. To spiritually pour into people, who will... you get the point. This is known as spiritual multiplication.

If we will spiritually pour into just one other person this year, and they will pour into one person next year while we take on a different person next year... and so on. That slow, deliberate process will yield 7 Billion Christ followers in the 33<sup>rd</sup> year. If you are skeptical, get out your calculator, as I did in my doubt, and do the math. Pretty incredible strategy, isn't it?

The bottom line is God wants us to be faithful. He wants us to commit fully and whole-heartedly to being a Disciple, by following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and going on mission with Jesus. We do this by helping lead people to Christ and guide them in their walk as a Disciple.

Will you be a Disciple who makes Disciples?

Memorize Matthew 4:19