

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to be a follower of Christ?
2. What is the relationship of true disciples to God?
3. What are some modern-day excuses?
4. Are we to carry no purse, script or shoes today?

SUMMARY:

God calls all people to discipleship. Discipleship involves learning, following and serving God. It requires priority. It calls for the spirit of devotion. True discipleship is essential to God's kingdom and is intended to prepare people for it. God in His love and sacrifice is our supreme example.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

December 7, 2003

Fourth Quarter

MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

LESSON TEXT: Luke 9:57-62; 10:1-24

LESSON SETTING: Gathering place where disciples were briefed before they were sent out to proclaim Christ.

TIME: Approximately 29 A.D.

- I. WEAK EXCUSES.** Luke 9:57-62
 - A. Inconvenience. Acts 24:25
 - B. Pressure of Duty. Luke 14:18-20
- II. WISE INSTRUCTIONS.** Luke 10:1-16
 - A. Prayer to the Lord to Send Laborers (vs. 2) Acts 4:29-31; 13:2
 - B. Trust in God (vs. 4) Psalm 37:5; Isaiah 26:4
 - C. Preach the Gospel (vs. 9) Acts 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2
- III. GREAT REJOICING.** Luke 10:17-24
 - A. The Disciples Rejoice (vs. 17) John 4:36
 - B. Jesus Gives Reason for Rejoicing (vs. 20) Isaiah 61:10; Romans 14:17
 - C. Jesus Rejoices (vs. 21) John 15:11; Hebrews 12:2

GOLDEN TEXT: HE THAT HEARETH YOU HEARETH ME; AND HE THAT DESPISETH YOU DESPISETH ME; AND HE THAT DESPISETH ME DESPISETH HIM THAT SENT ME. Luke 10:16

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 6:20-49

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 1:1-23; Romans 2:1-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ the Son of Man

TOPIC: OBEYING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson we get instructions from Christ and are told of the blessings of obeying. Much of obeying God's Word is having a proper attitude of the heart. It takes humility to see and pull out the beam from our own eye. It takes humility to have a feeling of being poor and hungry for God's Word; and to not defend ourselves when insulted. Also, it takes love to pray for those who despise us; to give to everyone who asks something of us. It takes love to be merciful; not to judge or condemn; and to give a good measure.

We can have such attitudes only if we have Christ's love and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Obedience to the written Word brings blessing from the living Word.

GOLDEN TEXT: AND AFTER THESE THINGS HE WENT FORTH, AND SAW A PUBLICAN, NAMED LEVI, SETTING AT THE RECEIPT OF CUSTOM: AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, FOLLOW ME. Luke 5:27

Jesus' words to Levi were simply "follow me." In essence this is all that He expects of us. To obey all the words of this text in this lesson is no more than what Jesus did. No other teacher taught with such authority. No other teaches such high standards of instruction and yet Himself has fulfilled each one. He does not just tell us how to live, but He showed us. No one else ever had so much love for enemies. No one was ever so forgiving. No one gave so much as Jesus gave.

To follow Christ, we must begin by denying ourselves, and taking up His cross, and following Him. It is as the Apostle Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." (Galatians 2:20)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 8 - 14

- M. People in Need of the Word. Isaiah 1:1-9
- T. People Challenged to Hear the Word. Isaiah 1:10-20
- W. Jesus Above the Sabbath. Luke 6:1-12
- T. Jesus and the Twelve. Luke 6:13-19
- F. *Result of Obedience. Luke 6:20-35
- S. *Importance of Obedience. Luke 6:36-49
- S. Not Hearers but Doers Justified. Romans 2:1-16