

To Be a Disciple

Unit 2: Jesus Shapes the Will of the Disciple

Lesson 801: The New Righteousness of the Disciple in Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-20

CONTINUITY FROM LAST WEEK

1. Jesus launches his Public Ministry in Capernaum after baptism by John.
2. The Holy Spirit LEADS Jesus to cosmic confrontation with Satan in wilderness.
3. Jesus resists temptations by the power of memorized Scripture from Old Testament.
4. Jesus first act after Temptation: Calling DISCIPLES to himself

I. THE CALLING OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES (MATTHEW 4:18-22)

MATTHEW 4:18-22 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

- A. The Disciple-Makers Loop (How to develop the Disciple)
- B. What is the meaning of the word DISCIPLE for today?
 1. Grace
 2. Growth
 3. Gifts
 4. Giving
 5. Gathering
 6. Groups
 7. Going
- C. Jesus' reverse process - He chooses and calls his own disciples.
- D. John 15:16
- E. *Following Jesus* translates to SERVANTHOOD and FISHING FOR PEOPLE.

II. JESUS PREPARES TO TRAIN HIS DISCIPLES [Matthew 4:23-25]

- A. Three Messianic Expectations: ... *teaching, proclaiming the Gospel, healing diseases*
 1. Jesus' fame spreads to Aram-Syria and the Decapolis (10 Towns)
 2. Stage is set for DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING (Sermon on the Mount)

III. THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT [Be-Attitudes] Matthew 5:1-11

A. Great revelations about Kingdom of God always take place on *mountains*.

1. Sermon on the Mount begins with the BE-ATTITUDES (attitude determines altitude)
2. Beatitudes fall into two units:
 - a. Beatitudes 1-4 (5:3-6)
 - b. Beatitudes 5-8 (Matthew 5:7-10)
3. Note the word *blessed* (μακάριος) in all eleven of the Beatitudes ...
4. Happiness that is knowable only by true disciples of Jesus.

B. Essence of the Beatitudes

1. Poor in spirit (repentance and dependance)
2. Those who mourn (long for comfort because of sin)
3. Meek (humble and trusting God)
4. Hunger and thirst for righteousness (right relationship with God)
5. Merciful (patient, gentle and forgiving)
6. Pure in heart (undivided loyalty and devotion)
7. Peacemakers (bring peace and harmony to the Body)
8. Persecuted for Righteousness sake (endure ridicule – even death)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What does the term *Kingdom of Heaven* mean. What are the conditions that accompany the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven?
2. What were the *characteristic actions* of Jesus as He ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven?
3. What does Jesus give the *new standard of discipleship* on a *mountain*? What other events in Jesus life took place on *mountains*?
4. The *Beatitudes* are divided into two sections. What are they? What is the basic idea behind each of these two sections?