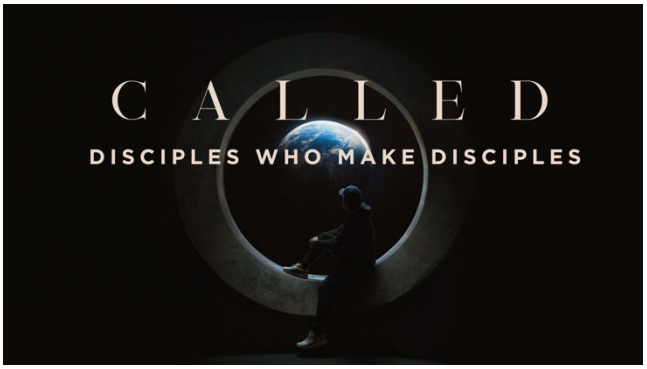


What is A Disciple?
John 15:4-11

Introduction

Jesus had his 12 disciples. Jesus called others to be disciples. Jesus sent all who would follow him to go and make disciples (Matt. 28). What does it mean to be a disciple? What is involved? What do we do? According to John 15, at the very least it is abiding in Jesus by knowing and obeying his commandments. This is how we become his disciples.

Discussion

- How do you know if you are an expert in something?
- What is your favorite thing to learn about and why (i.e. history, art, culture, etc.)?

Going Deeper[1]

- Read John 15:4-11. What stands out to you in this text?
- What is the main point Jesus wants to communicate to his disciples?
- Vs 6 speaks about branches being thrown away if they don't bear fruit, is that too harsh? Why or why not?
- How does keeping Jesus' commandments lead to abiding in him (vs. 10)?
- How is joy connected to abiding in Christ (vs. 11)?

Application

- What is your big takeaway from this text?
- How does this text offer hope to people?
- How do you know if you are keeping Jesus' commandments?
- What is one thing you can do this week to better abide in Jesus?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

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[1] Scripture references are from the NRSV.