



SERMON NOTES

Re: Defining

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Movements in the history of Christianity:

- Monastic Movement
 - Year: 500
- Great Schism
 - Year: 1054
- Protestant Reformation
 - Year: 1517

“...a review of over 174,000 interviews conducted in 2015 shows that three-quarters of American adults identify with a Christian religion. America remains a predominantly Christian nation, and with 94% of those who identify with a religion saying they are Christian. The broad Christian category includes Catholics, Protestants, Mormons, and non-denominational Christians.”

define/ (dɪˈfaɪn) /
verb (tr)

to describe the nature, properties, or essential qualities of

redefine/ (riːdɪˈfaɪn) /
verb (tr)

to define (something) again or differently

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

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Their surrender internally led to a lifestyle externally.

“Discipleship is the process of becoming more like Christ. God doesn’t just want you to know about Jesus; he wants you to become like Jesus.” - Rick Warren

Acts 11:26 (NIV)

26 and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

The word Christian used in the New Testament is the word Christianos- a follower of Christ.

The word Disciple in the New Testament is the word Mathetes (math-ay-tes)- Disciple, learner, pupil.

disciple[dih-sahy-puhl]

Noun

Religion.

- one of the 12 personal followers of Christ.
- one of the 70 followers sent forth by Christ. Luke 10:1.

- any other professed follower of Christ in His lifetime.
- any follower of Christ.
- (*initial capital letter*) a member of the Disciples of Christ.
- a person who is a pupil or an adherent of the doctrines of another; follower

Christian [kris-chuh n]

adjective

- of, relating to, or derived from Jesus Christ or His teachings
- of, pertaining to, believing in, or belonging to the religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ
- of or relating to Christians
- exhibiting a spirit proper to a follower of Jesus Christ; Christlike
- decent; respectable

noun

- a person who believes in Jesus Christ; adherent of Christianity.
- a person who exemplifies in his or her life the teachings of Christ
- a member of any of certain Protestant churches.

1. A Disciple is passionately in love with Jesus above all else and submitted to His Lordship.

Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)

25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ 31 Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.”

2. A Disciple has a love for people.

- They serve others
- They share their faith
- They give generously
- They live in community

3. A Disciple is governed by the authority of God’s word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

- It guides, directs, sustains them
- It is their source of response to every situation and temptation

4. A Disciple’s life looks different.

5. A Disciple lives their life on purpose.

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