

Big Idea

Pastor Brett – Part 1

We began a new series called **Disruptive Discipleship**. What is discipleship? What is a disciple? Pastor Brett used Jesus' words "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" from Matthew 4:19 to give us a picture of what the Bible says a true disciple looks like. There are three specific points, and they are – 1. Someone who is following Jesus. 2. – Someone who is being changed by Jesus. 3. – Someone who is committed to the mission of Jesus.

Salvation is the beginning. That begins the process of discipleship, launching us on a lifetime of daily changes to become more and more like Jesus, and it continues until the day we die and meet Jesus in person. The theological term for this is sanctification. To be a true disciple of Jesus today, we must continually be a follower of Him, and at the same time we have the privilege of representing Him everywhere we go, so that we live out the mission of Jesus.

So, what do we mean by Disruptive Discipleship? If you're going to follow Jesus...you're going have to embrace change. As we are on mission with Jesus, we will quickly discover that our agendas, schedule and in reality, all of our days will be disrupted by Jesus. The Holy Spirit will speak to us, revealing that we must move on from the initial invitation to "Come and See" Jesus, to take a next step to "Come and Die." As a disciple, we must allow the Spirit to disrupt our days, as He invites us to die in these three ways: 1) Die to our sinful selfish desires, 2) Die to our need to win in the wrong things, and 3) Die to our urge to control and instead make choices to trust God's way. Accept Jesus' invitation to lose your self-focus today and find the life that only He can give!!

Discussion Questions

- Reflect on what Pastor Brett's shared as a definition of a disciple. How do we know if we are a disciple of Jesus or not?
- What does that mean to you to know that Jesus has called you out of your old life into a new life of a disciple? Discuss the concept of "Come and Die" as a disciple – a follower of Jesus.
- Life Pastor Brett said, "Our freedom is found in surrender." Discuss this.

Prayer Focus

Lead your group in a moment of quiet reflection on the current decisions each of them are facing. Ask them to ask God, "Do my plans need to be disrupted?" Pray for them to have clarity in hearing God's response, and strength to accept His will.

Next Steps

Ask the Holy Spirit if there are areas in your life as a disciple of Jesus, which you need to die? Listen for His answer, and make a decision to obey

Leader Tip

Be willing to be transparent with your group about times in which you have had difficulty in following God's plan. Share the process that you went through to become obedient in that situation.