

Fight to Win
Defining Biblical Discipleship

I. Introduction

- A. Ephesians 6:12 (NAS)
- B. II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NAS)
- C. II Timothy 4:7-8 (NAS)
- D. John 10:10 (NAS)

II. Defining Biblical Discipleship

- A. Jesus came to earth to give us a model of how to live our lives.
 - 1. Colossians 1:15 (NAS)
- B. Jesus was the first Spirit-filled person!
 - 1. Philippians 2:7 (NAS)
 - 2. John 14:12 (NAS)
 - 3. Jesus experienced everything that you and I experience except without sin.
 - a. Hebrews 4:15 (NAS)
 - 4. Everything He did, we are to do!
- C. "Professional" vs. Laity
 - 1. Every follower of Jesus is called by God to the ministry!
 - a. Ephesians 2:10 (NAS)
 - 2. The first followers of Jesus
 - a. They weren't "professional clergymen!"
- D. The Training of the 12 Disciples
 - 1. They started out by watching Jesus minister.
 - 2. Just believing that Jesus could do "ministry" wasn't enough!
 - 3. Matthew 10:1, 7-8 (NAS)

4. The first generation disciples did what Jesus did! The 2nd generation disciples did what the 1st generation disciples did.
5. Philippians 3:17 (NLT)
 - a. Paul had to ask other people questions about what Jesus said and did.
 - b. You are called to the ministry of Jesus Christ!
 - c. We must get back to doing what we're all created and called by God to do! To minister the same way Jesus did!
6. "Biblical discipleship" is "fleshed out" outside of the church building!
7. Sharing your faith about Christ, feeding the poor, visiting the prisoners, healing the sick, casting out demons, giving someone a cup of cold water in Jesus' Name, inviting people to church, etc., is mostly done outside of a church service!
 - a. Doing the works of Jesus is where your life will have meaning and purpose!
8. Training for these kinds of things is very important!
 - a. Ministry Training ! class is a must! (Next 4-week class begins Sept. 8th during the 9:15 a.m. service.)

III. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages:

8/24-25/2013 – "Defining the Kingdom of God"

8/31-9/1/2013 – "Kingdom Parables"