

Disciple School: Will you be a disciple? – Keith Munro – Mark 8:34-38– 28/01/2018

Introduction

Q. Do you want to be Jesus's disciple?

- A disciple is literally a follower of Jesus – learning from Him, becoming more like Him.
- All disciples are Christians but not all Christians are disciples.

1. Uncompromising

Q. Are you ready to lay down your life for Him? Give your all, not just parts that you choose?

Q. Will you allow Jesus to be your Saviour AND Lord?

- We can praise and celebrate Jesus for his salvation, but is our trust is in other things?
- We are not called to be lukewarm, we aren't meant to compromise – we are to give our whole heart.

We need to accept and choose Jesus as our Saviour. We also need to accept and choose Jesus as our Lord.

It must be both, they can't be separated. (Mark 1:17-18)

Jesus came save us from something (sin). He also came to save us for something – life in all its fullness.

- We must follow Him as Lord – Putting all our love, trust & obedience in Him. Laying everything else down.

You can't have your feet in two camps. It simply will not work.

2. Count the cost – Mark 4:3-9

Q. Which soil are you? Hard? Rocky? Thorn-filled? Fertile?

Q. Are you ready to hear, put down deep roots and fight on through trouble & persecution?

Jesus died to give us the opportunity to be good soil.

- To be saved and fed by His Word, light & life.
- To receive living water, the Holy Spirit.
- To grow strong and bear fruit, a great harvest.

That life is what we were made for, but there is a cost. Q. Will you count the cost?

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

- Deny themselves – selfish ambition, self-centeredness, self-reliance. Instead find our value in Jesus.
- Take up their cross – die to your old self, rid of your old way of living. Instead live God's way.
- Follow me – leave your old life behind. Instead follow Jesus as your Saviour AND Lord.

3. In the dirt or soaring in the sky? – Isaiah 40:31

When Jesus sets you free, you are free indeed. You are free to live in the good soil – fed, growing and living.

- We can be tempted to stick with the comfortable, our way of living
- But that's not life, it's forfeiting the life that Jesus has won for us.

"...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Is 40:31)

Q. Do you want to be a chicken, pecking around in the dirt? Or an eagle, soaring in the sky?

Q. Will you count the cost?

Q. Will you lay everything down and choose to be a disciple?