



Ship Shape

EMBARKING ON A JOURNEY OF GROWTH
"DISCIPLESHIP"

 New Life Christian Center
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1. Jesus _____ me to _____ Him.

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2. Jesus _____ me to _____ daily.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

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2. Jesus **INSTRUCTS** me to **TAKE UP MY CROSS** daily.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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[CONNECT]

Share what comes to mind for you when you hear the word “discipleship.”

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

Do you have a routine of bible reading and prayer? If so, what does that look like for you?

[GROW]

Read Matthew 4:18-22.

Imagine it was you in the boat that day fishing, and Jesus approached you and invited you to follow Him. What would your response be?

Read Matthew 4:23-25.

Imagine this scenario today, Jesus has invited you to follow Him, are you following close or are you one in the crowd?

In what ways might Jesus be inviting you into a deeper life of faith in Him? What might that look like if you were to say “Yes” to living your life as a disciple (apprentice) of Jesus?

Read Matthew 6:33.

What does “seeking the Kingdom of God above all else” look like in your life?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Take some time to reflect on how you spend your time. What does your typical day look like? How are you prioritizing spending time with God? What if you began each day with a time of prayer and reading of scripture? What if you ended each day the same way? Pray and ask the Lord to guide you in what He would like to invite you into for the coming days. Maybe it’s simply disciplining yourself to wake up and acknowledging Him with a simple prayer. Having your bible on your nightstand and reading one verse from Proverbs or Psalms. Even if you have a regular routine of spending time with Jesus, I encourage you to take some time to ask the Lord how He would want that time to look like.