

Dynamics Of Discipleship

Pt 1 – Terms & Conditions

Scripture – Matt 16:21-27 (NLT)

A. THE CALL

1. All kinds of people around Jesus:
 - Curious and casual
 - Crowds
 - Collectors of blessings
 - Critics
 - Committed disciples
2.
 - i. “Christian” – Mentioned only 3 times in NT
 - ii. “Disciple” – Mentioned over 260 times in NT
3. Who is a “disciple”?

B. THE CONDITIONS

1. A disciple is committed to following God’s plan and not his own.
 - Matt 16:22 – Peter’s humanistic viewpoint
 - Isa 53:6 (NLT) – My way or God’s way?
 - James 4:13-16 (NLT) – Making plans without reference to God
2. A disciple is prepared to pay the price.
 - Matt 16:24
 - i. Deny self
 - ii. Take up your cross
 - iii. Follow Me
 - Luke 14:26-30 (NLT)
 - Prov 23:23 (NKJV) – “Buy the truth”
3. A disciple gives up what he can’t keep to gain what he can’t lose.
 - Matt 16:25-26
 - Matt 7:13-14 (NLT) – The narrow road