

Sermon: Christ's Disciples
Scripture: John 15:1-11 (text vs. 8b)

Introduction

- I. The disciple idea
 - A. In the time of Christ
 - B. For Christ concerning His disciples
 1. People became His disciples by the grace of God (John 6:65; 15:16).
 2. Christ had true and false disciples (John 6:60,66; 8:31f).
 3. Distinctives of true disciples:
 - a. Conditions for becoming His disciples (Luke 14:25f)
 - b. Evidences of discipleship
 - (1) Bearing fruit (John 15:5,8; 13:34,35; 13:13-15; Phil. 2:14-15)
 - (2) Abiding in His words (John 15:7; 8:31; II John 2:9)
- II. Practical applications
 - A. By God's grace, disciples are made. God's people are to make disciples (Matt. 28:19-20).
 - B. Because someone claims to be a Christian, disciple of Christ, doesn't mean he/she is a true disciple.
 - C. Discipleship is to be a way of life for Christians.
 1. Christ loved first, before anyone or anything else
 2. Bearing much fruit (vs. 8)
 3. Abiding in Him; His words abiding in us
 - D. Discipleship disasters
 1. Disciples being embarrassed by their teacher
 2. Disciples who are preoccupied with themselves
 - E. Discipleship learning—class is always in session. Are we awake, listening, doing homework, participating in class projects (Acts 4:14,15)?