

# *Be a* DISCIPLE

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Week 8

## **Week 8 - You Need To Do Right No Matter The Cost**

In this campaign we are learning about the 4 chairs of Discipleship –

Chair 1 - Come and See (John 1:39)

Chair 2 - Follow Me (John 1:43)

Chair 3 - Become a Fisher of People (Matt 4:19)

Chair 4 - Go Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

As Disciples of Jesus we are asking these 2 questions throughout this campaign:

What chair are you in?

What chair do you need to move towards?

The question we are asking in this study is do you have the attitudes necessary to GROW as a Follower of Jesus? Jesus is calling you to grow in your walk with Him.

*Matthew 5:10*  
*Blessed are those who are persecuted*  
*because of righteousness,*  
*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**We are going to be studying the Beatitudes in this Life Group Session. The word Beatitudes is from the Latin word for Blessings. These blessings are Jesus teaching about the kinds of people who will be blessed by God in this life. The eighth Attitude we will look at is an attitude of Doing What Is Right No Matter the Cost.**

One of the most powerful examples of this are those who die for their faith. A story of this in our time comes from the 1950's:

Jim Elliot, along with four of his missionary colleagues was killed on January 8, 1956 while trying to establish contact with the Auca Indians in Ecuador (now known as the Waodani people). Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, Ed McCully, Pete Flemming and Roger Youderian had been working to make friendly contact with the Auca tribe which they had seen from the air. Though they had only met one tribesman face to face, they had participated in trades with the Auca from a plane to ground system. When Elliot and his friends landed on a river beach on that fateful January day they were slaughtered by the waiting men.

Their deaths were not in vain though. The widows continued to try and make peaceful contact and eventually won the hearts of the tribe.

People need to see a good example. We need heroes who are not criminals and crooks. The pull of rule breaking is real but not admirable. We need examples of young people and adults who are not ashamed of the gospel and who will stand for what is good no matter the cost.

Hebrews 11 is called the faith chapter. It gives a list of examples of men and women who lived powerful examples of faith. Here is how the chapter ends:

**Have someone read this passage:**

Hebrews 11:32-40

How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight. Women received their loved ones back again from death.

But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Can you think of a time when you were made fun of for not doing something?
2. What price have you paid for not going along with others?
3. Have you ever been persecuted for doing right?
4. What does it take to do right even when it costs us?
5. Why is it so important that we stand for what is right?
6. What is the cost to God's work if we do not take the stand for Him in this life?
7. How does God give us the strength to stand for Him even when it costs us?
8. What is a small area you could take a stand in that maybe you have not in the past?

Pray for each other that this week you would have the strength to stand for what is right, even in the face of ridicule or persecution.