

West Olive Church of Christ – August 9, 2026

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Better Discipleship**

TEXTS: John 1:35-51 & Matthew 4:18-22

MESSAGE INTRO: *The people of Christ are called by many names in the N.T. ... and one of the most frequently used terms is _____! (Found _____ times just in Acts!)*

1. The problem with discipleship in the church today:

- a) Many are _____, (emphasis on _____) but few are _____! (emphasis on _____)
- b) And, _____ disciples can _____ disciples! (Mat 28:19-20; Gen 1:11-12,27-28)
[In other words, IT _____ ONE TO _____ ONE!]

2. What is a “disciple” anyway?

- a) Greek word, μαθητής (mathaytays) = A _____, student, apprentice, trainee, adherent, _____
- b) English word = A *pupil* or _____ of any teacher or school of thought; one who is voluntarily under the training (_____) of another, in order to propagate that cause or mission.

3. What makes us true “disciples” of Christ?

- a) The _____ (John 1:35-51; Mat 4:18-22)
_____ *Jesus as your Master*

- b) The _____ (Mat 19:21,27-29; Luke 9:23-24; 14:26-33; 2 Cor 5:17; Rom 6:3-6)
Leaving your _____ behind.
 - c) The _____ (Luke 9:23; Mat 28:20b; John 12:26; Col 3:17; John 8:31)
Living daily in His _____, following His lead.
 - d) The _____ (Luke 6:40; Rom 8:28-29; Php 2:5; 1 Cor 2:16; John 13:34-35; Eph 4:15)
Being _____ in every way.
 - e) The _____ (Mat 4:19; 11:28-29; 28:19-20; John 15:8; Eph 4:11-16)
Disciple-_____ and disciple-_____.
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MESSAGE APPEAL: Acts 2:38-42

- _____ *a disciple of Christ!*
- _____ *as a disciple of Christ!*