

## Devoted In Every Way

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV84)

### Question: What is a Disciple?

- Verbal profession is not enough.
- Partial commitment is not enough.
- Obedience is not enough.

A disciple is someone devoted in every way.

Two definitions:

- Disciple = student
- Devote = consecrate, formally vow

Discipleship is a heart issue that works itself out through all of our extremities.

- Stop some things.
- Start some things.
- Rename everything.

### Motion: Passionately Love Jesus

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## Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of March 6, 2016

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from *Devoted In Every Way*, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### MY STORY

1. If someone spent several weeks observing you, what do you think they would say that you are devoted to?
2. Pastor Todd said: "Devotion is a heart issue that works itself out in our extremities." What kind of things would reveal your heart to this person who was observing you?

### DIGGING DEEPER

*As we begin this new series, take a few minutes to ask God to bring you new insights about what it means to be a disciple of Christ.*

1. **The Great Commission.** Read Matthew 28:18-20. What are your initial thoughts about these verses when you read them? What are they calling you to do or to be?

Reread the passage several times, maybe out loud and from several translations if you can. From just these words of Jesus, write a definition of what a disciple is.

**2. To Whom Shall We Go?** Read John 6:66-6:69. What are some reasons people come to Christ today?

What are some reasons that people turn back and no longer follow Christ today?

Read Peter's response to Christ again from verses 68-69. What in his statement is essential if we are going to be disciples who are "devoted in every way" to Jesus Christ?

**3. The Centrality of the Gospel.** Read the following quote from Tim Keller's pamphlet: *The Centrality of the Gospel*. (Consider reading the entire pamphlet. There is a link available at Lakeview's website: [lakeviewwego.com/disciple/week-one-devoted-in-every-way/](http://lakeviewwego.com/disciple/week-one-devoted-in-every-way/). There are also copies on the information table in the sanctuary.)

*"The Christian life is a process of renewing every dimension of our life—spiritual, psychological, corporate, social—by thinking, hoping, and living out the "lines" or ramifications of the gospel. The gospel is to be applied to every area of thinking, feeling, relating, working, and behaving."*

Nobody has every dimension of their lives perfectly aligned with Jesus' call to be devoted to Him in every way (i.e. the gospel). What does it mean for you to be devoted to Christ in the following areas? (The last half of Tim Keller's pamphlet has some *excellent* examples of being devoted to Jesus to every part of our lives.)

*Our thoughts:*

*Our feelings:*

*Our relationships:*

*Our work life/student life:*

*Our behaviors/actions*

## TAKING IT HOME

**1. A Crowded Heart.** Pastor Todd said that "*discipleship is a heart issue that works itself out in our extremities.*" What are some things, desires, or feelings that fight for the devotion of your heart that should belong to Jesus Christ?

**2. Devoted in ONE Way?** It is said that a "journey of a thousand miles begin with a single step." Looking over this week's sermon/study, what is one area of your life where a change needs to take place regarding your devotion to Jesus Christ? What one concrete step can you take this week towards making that change?

## NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you do in order to encourage people to begin, resume or continue their spiritual journey?

- Join a Small Group for the DISCIPLE series.
- Become a disciple by placing your faith in Christ.
- Identify with Jesus' death/resurrection by being baptized into Christ.
- Make one significant change in your obedience to Christ's teachings.
- Make a kingdom introduction with someone on your Pi2 card.
- Your Next Step: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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