



ANSWERS: Unit 4: Disciple of Christ

Live life as a disciple of Christ and intentionally make disciples for the glory of God.

Lesson 11 **Refresh—Sharing Christ**

Day One ***Witness***

1. What are some routine things you are doing that sets you apart as a disciple of Christ?

Personal answer, but one's normal, everyday activities should reveal who God is through our Lord Jesus Christ such as helping others, praying for them, and obeying God's Word. There are also activities that one may refrain from doing, like swearing, engaging in sex outside of marriage, watching crude and sinful movies that can set one apart as a disciple of Christ.

2. Please pray now for God to bring people into your life with whom you may either share the gospel, disciple, or both. I have prayed. Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

Read Philippians 2:21 and answer questions 3–5:

For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:21

3. From your knowledge of the Bible, list some of Jesus' interests (See also Matthew 22:36–40; Mark 10:45; Luke 19:10; John 10:10, 15:13).

Advancement of God's kingdom (Matthew 11:12)

Needs of hungry (Matthew 14:18–21), children (Mark 10:14) and widows (Luke 21:2)

*Loving God and neighbor (Matthew 22:36–40)

*Give His life for humanity (Mark 10:45)

Loving our enemies (Luke 6:27–31)

Pure hearts (Luke 6:45)

Strong faith (Luke 7:9)

*Seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)

*Give life to the full (John 10:10)

Good works (John 15:1–8)

*Lay down His life for others (John 15:13)

Glorifying God (John 17:4)

God's word (John 17:17)

Making God known (John 17:26)

Bible References from question 3 (Verses marked by * in answer above.):

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36–40

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. John 15:13

4. On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), how would you rate your attention to Jesus’ interests?

Personal Answer

5. Given the fact that Jesus was crucified in accordance with the Father’s will and for His glory to redeem humanity, what do you think is Jesus’ greatest interest (See John 12:27–28)?

For people to know and accept God’s gift of salvation through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross.

Bible Reference in question 5:

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” John 12:27–28

6. Anyone who saw Jesus saw the God the Father. In your witness for Christ, do people look at you and see Christ revealed within you (See 2 Corinthians 4:10–11)?

Personal Answer

Bible Reference in question 6:

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. Corinthians 4:10–11

Read John 5:36 and answer questions 7–8:

I have testimony weightier than that of John [the Baptist]. For the works that the Father has given me to finish—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me. John 5:36 (Cf. John 18:37) (Testimony is defined as the assertion of a fact or truth. Testify is to bear witness.)

7. Why is the evidence of Jesus’ divine mission more substantial than that of John’s?

Jesus performed miracles, signs, and wonders whereas John did not. Jesus healed the sick, walked on water, raised the dead, made food multiply to feed thousands, and taught with great wisdom, power, and authority.

8. What do Jesus’ works testify to and bear witness to?

That God the Father had sent Jesus into the world.

Bible Reference listed with John 5:36:

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37

Read Acts 1:8 and answer questions 9–14:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my [Jesus'] witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

9. What is Jesus telling His disciples they will receive when the Holy Spirit comes on them (8a)?

Power

10. What does this power enable Jesus’ disciples to do?

To be Jesus’ witnesses

11. How does knowing the fact that the Holy Spirit brings Jesus’ disciples power encourage you?

Personal Answer

12. Define “witness” in your own words.

Personal answer, but a witness observes an event or possesses personal knowledge of a situation. The original disciples served as witnesses, having firsthand experience with Jesus.

13. What do you think would keep you from witnessing for the Lord Jesus?

Personal Answer

14. What does this phrase mean: “*you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*”

Starting in Judea’s capital, Jerusalem, where the disciples were residing, they would testify about Jesus, then progress beyond the city walls to encompass the entirety of Judea, then to the neighboring region of Samaria, and eventually witness about Jesus to the world. This pattern, which began with the first disciples, advocates witnessing locally first, and then expanding to ever-widening circles to reach all people with the gospel.

—End Day One—

Day Two ***Mandate***

15. We read above that Sabina had hope. What do you think gave Sabina hope?

Personal Answer

16. How would *you* remain hopeful and faithful to Christ under imprisonment and cruelty?

Personal Answer

Read Matthew 28:17 answer questions 17–19:

When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Matthew 28:17
(This verse is immediately prior to the Great Commission.)

17. What were the disciples doing right before Jesus commanded them to make disciples?

They were worshipping Him.

18. What connection do you see with worshipping Jesus and making disciples?

19. Since some doubted, would this indicate that a greater number of disciples were in attendance than the original apostles; and that they also received the command to make disciples? Yes No (Underline One) Explain your answer:

Personal answer, but does not seem possible that any of the original 11 apostles would doubt Jesus. (Judas had already hanged himself.) They had been with him for three years and Jesus had visited and spoke with them on several occasions. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. It would appear that there were others there who did doubt.

Read Matthew 28:18–20 and answer questions 20–26:

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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

20. What names are disciples of Christ baptized into (v. 19)?

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

21. What do you think Jesus means when He says to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?”

From the lesson: In ancient times a person’s name indicated their character, nature, and essence (spirit). Being baptized or immersed in someone’s name would indicate that you take on that person’s character, nature, and essence. It is another way of expressing our union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11).

22. How are *you* living out the reality of *your* baptism into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

Personal Answer

23. In making disciples, what are we to teach them (v. 20)?

To obey everything Jesus has commanded.

24. Who is with you always, to the very end of the age (v. 20b)?

Jesus

25. Have you been immersed or baptized with water since believing in the name of Jesus Christ? Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

26. How are you helping believers to authentically (truly) live in the character, nature, and spirit of Christ?

Personal Answer

27. Read and meditate on Romans 6:1–7. Ask God to speak to you through these verses and share what God impressed upon you.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:1–4

Personal Answer

—End Day Two—

Day Three ***Words of Worship***

28. Write your own *Words of Worship (WOW!)*, and share with your discipleship team.

Personal Answer

29. Why, or why not, do you think witnessing for Christ can be a “sacrifice of praise”?

Personal answer, but here is the definition of “sacrifice of praise” from the lesson. A “*sacrifice of praise*” refers to offering praise or worship to God even in difficult circumstances even to our own personal injury or disadvantage. Because sharing the good news can be intimidating, challenging, and even injurious—it can be classified as a sacrifice of praise.

30. Either review or write your personal testimony of how you placed your faith in Jesus. It should include what your life was like before meeting Jesus and how it changed after trusting Him as your Lord and Savior. Keep it to 3–4 minutes in length and share with your team.

Personal Testimony

31. Other than the above assignment, when was the last time you shared your testimony?

Personal Answer

32. Memorize Revelation 5:9 which highlights the universal scope of God’s plan, encompassing individuals from all ethnicities, languages, and cultures. This verse underscores the worthiness of Christ to receive honor, glory, and praise for His redemptive work. It should also remind us of our call to participate in spreading the gospel to all corners of the world.

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.” Revelation 5:9

Personal Memorization

—End Day Three—

Day Four

Persevering in Faith and Witness

33. How does Sabina’s story encourage you to witness for Christ?

Personal Answer

34. Have you ever considered that both our faith and our suffering for Christ are gifts from God?

Personal answer, but the following verses, Philippians 1:29–30 says both faith and suffering has been granted to us on behalf of Christ.

Read Philippians 1:29–30 and answer questions 35–37:

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I [Paul] had, and now hear that I still have. Philippians 1:29–30 (“On behalf of Christ” means speaking, acting, and working in or for the cause of Christ with a view to honor Him.)

35. For believers, what is given to us as privileges and divine favor (v. 29)?

To believe in Christ and to suffer for Him.

36. Did the apostle Paul undergo suffering on behalf of Christ (vv. 29–30)?

Yes

37. What kind of difficult circumstance or painful experience have you gone through in the cause of Christ with a view to honor Him?

Personal Answer

38. Read Acts 5:41. The rulers of the Sanhedrin¹ had the apostles flogged—so why were the apostles happy and delighted when they left?

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. Acts 5:41 (See also Matthew 5:11–12)

Because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for Jesus.

Definition: To *persevere* means to persist steadfastly in a course of action, belief, or purpose despite difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement. It involves maintaining determination and resilience in the face of challenges, continuing to pursue one's course with resolve and persistence. *Perseverance* often requires endurance, patience, and a willingness to overcome setbacks or adversity.

39. Read the definition of persevere above. Rate yourself in your ability to persevere from 1 to 10, 10 being the highest capacity to persevere.

Personal Answer

40. In regard to perseverance, rate yourself from 1 to 10, when faced with persecution and death because of your witness for Christ.

Personal Answer

Read Philippians 2 Timothy 4:17–18, memorize it and answer questions 42–45:

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. 2 Timothy 4:17–18

¹ The Sanhedrin was the supreme Jewish council and court in ancient times, responsible for religious, legal, and political matters within the Jewish community.

Note: The expression “*delivered from the lion’s mouth*” could refer to the Roman Emperor Nero (37 AD–68 AD), his judges, the actual lions of the deadly arena, or even Satan. However, it is also a figurative expression for extreme danger (Cf. Psalm 22:21) and may be the intent of the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:17.

Action Step

41. Memorize 2 Timothy 4:17–18 and recite it to your discipleship team.

Personal Memorization

42. Who stood by Paul’s side and gave him strength (v. 17a)?

The Lord, Jesus, Christ, God.

43. What was the reason for the Lord standing by Paul’s side and giving him strength (v. 17b)?

So that through Paul the gospel might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

44. How was Paul able to fully proclaim the gospel of Christ while facing the “lion’s mouth”?

The Lord stood beside him and gave Paul strength. The Lord helped him.

45. Since it was stated earlier in today’s lesson that millions of Christians have been martyred for their faith and witness for Christ, explain the meaning of verse 18.

From the lesson: Paul affirmed his belief that God would deliver him from any form of harm or evil he faced. However, verse 18 does not mean that Paul expected to avoid all hardships or difficulties—his afflictions such as floggings and beatings are listed in 2 Corinthians 11:23–28. Paul also did not expect to live forever. In fact, he believed his time for death was near (2 Timothy 4:6). Rather, Paul trusted in God’s ability to protect him from spiritual and eternal harm. The Lord would make sure Paul did not give up or give in to any kind of evil attack but would persevere through all of them—even through death.

46. Where is Paul assured of going no matter how the evil enemy attacks him (v. 18b)?

The Lord’s heavenly kingdom

Action Step

47. Pray the following or similar prayer for unwavering faith and confidence in the Lord’s provision and salvation. I have prayed the below or a similar prayer. Yes No (Underline One)

Personal Answer

48. Read Philippians 1:6. Explain this verse regarding perseverance.

... being confident of this, that he [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

It reassures believers that God, who initiated a transformational work within them, will continue to develop and perfect it until Jesus returns. It's a source of encouragement, reminding Christians to persevere in their faith, trusting that God's work in their lives will ultimately be fulfilled.

49. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24. How do you know that as a disciple of Christ, you will persevere in your witness and withstand the evil attacks coming against you?

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

As a disciple of Christ, we have confidence in persevering in our witness and withstanding evil attacks because God, who is faithful, will sanctify and keep us blameless until the return of Jesus Christ.

50. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9–10. What happens when you feel too weak to withstand hardships, difficulties, persecution, and death in regard to your sharing Christ?

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

Disciples rely on the sufficiency of God's grace. In weakness, Christ's power is made perfect, enabling us to endure and even find strength in the midst of trials.

51. Read Hebrews 13:20–21. How do these verses encourage you, a disciple of Christ, to witness?

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20–21

Personal Answer

—End Day Four—

Day Five
Evangelism Review

52. Define evangelism in your own words.

Personal Answer

Here is the definition from the lesson: Evangelism is the active calling of people to respond to the message of grace and commit oneself to God in Jesus Christ.

53. How are *you* going to strike the match of evangelistic passion?

Personal answer, but first need to ask God to ignite your heart with passion for Jesus and the lost.

Read Romans 15:15–17 and answer questions 54–55:

Yet I [Paul] have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. Romans 15:15–17

54. How did Paul become a minister of Christ Jesus in proclaiming the gospel (vv. 15–16)?

God gave Paul grace by working through Him and giving him the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel. Through God's favor, He enabled Paul to declare the gospel.

55. How does anyone become a minister of Christ Jesus in proclaiming the gospel (vv. 15–16)?

Through God's grace. God's gift and enablement.

56. Is God asking you to be an apologist? Yes No (Underline One) If yes, what will you do to practice and perfect your calling? If not, how will you become an informed, witnessing disciple?

Personal Answer

—End of Answers Day Five and Lesson 11—

Next—Lesson 12: Godly Relationships, Unit 4: Disciple of Christ

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