

Live in Light of God's Word Notes

John 8:31-36

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Main Point: A disciple learns, loves, and lives God's Word.

Four Descriptions of a Disciple

1. _____ in God's Word (vs. 31)

- Abide means, "to dwell in, to _____ in, to continue in, and to live in.
- It referred to staying in a house and becoming so in _____ with the place that the house becomes your home.
- We are to be at _____ in God's Word.
- We are to sit and _____ in the Scriptures.
- Jesus used the singular "my word," not "my words," meaning He is referring to the sum total of all He has _____.
- Four discipleship insights rose to the top of a LifeWay Research study.
 - Discipleship is _____.
 - Groups matter. A lot.
 - Reading the Bible matters _____ than anything else.
 - The discipline of Bible engagement _____ every other discipline.
- The only way to detect error is to _____ in God's Word and the only way to grow as a believer is to know the Bible.
- You won't grow as a disciple without practicing the spiritual _____.
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
 - Scripture reading
 - Scripture memorization
 - Discipleship

2. _____ you are a true disciple (vs. 31)

- It is one thing to believe Christ and have good feelings; it's another to _____ Christ by faith and follow Him faithfully.
- True disciples live in God's Word and allow God's Word to _____ in them.
- The word "truly" means, "really" or "_____."
- A "disciple" is literally a "_____" one who is being mentored by the Master.
- A disciple is a life-long learner who lives out what he or she is learning from the _____.

3. Knows the _____ .
 - Jesus references truth seven times in this section.
 - Truth is a person, and His name is _____ (John 14:6).
 - If you want to know the truth, get to know the One who is Truth and then follow the truth of what He says in His Word (John 17:17)
4. Goes in _____.
 - Jesus came to set us free from _____ (Romans 6:22, 2 Corinthians 3:17).
 - Sin leads to _____ (vs. 34).
 - You can not be freed from sin until you admit you are _____ to sin.
 - The Son is the bondage- _____ (vs. 36 & 32).

Action Steps

1. Develop a plan to soak in the _____.
 - _____ intake – discipline yourself to read every day so you know what’s in the Bible.
 - _____ intake – when you go through difficult times, allow the circumstances of life to drive you back to the Scriptures (Psalm 119:71).
2. _____ how the Savior viewed Scripture.
 - Jesus told religious leaders they were wrong because they didn’t know the Scriptures (Mark 12:24).
 - Jesus told others the Scriptures bear witness about Himself (John 5:39).
 - When tempted by the devil, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy three different times (Matthew 4:1-11).
 - Jesus came to fulfill Scripture (Matthew 5:17-18).
 - Jesus spoke of the Old Testament as an historical record of people and events.
3. Take Pastor Ray Pritchard’s class on Revelation (Keep Believing Ministries Facebook page or YouTube channel starting Tuesday at 7pm).
4. _____ the teaching you hear (1 John 4:1).
5. Don’t become spiritually _____ (Romans 13:11).