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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

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Matthew 28:16-20, “16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 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.”



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STATS

1. **Only 23%** of Christians are involved in one-on-one discipleship relationships
2. **Only 19%** of Christians are actively discipling someone else
3. **Only 20%** of Christians participate weekly in Bible study, prayer, and small groups
4. **Only 35%** of pastors prioritize discipleship as a key element of their ministry, which affects the overall focus on discipleship within the congregation

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

CONSUMERS ARE...

1. SELFISH
2. TAKERS
3. NEGLECT CHARACTER
4. NOT DEVOTED
5. FOLLOW TRENDS

VS

DISCIPLES ARE...

1. SELFLESS
2. GIVERS
3. PRIORITIZE CHARACTER
4. DEVOTED
5. FOLLOW JESUS

*The word "Christian" is used only 3x in the Bible (Acts 11:26).
The word "believer" is used only 23x in the Bible (Acts 2:44).
The word "disciple" is used over 290x in the Bible!*

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- **Luke 9:23-26**, “23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”
- **Luke 14:25-27**, “25 Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”
- **John 8:31-32**, “31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”

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JESUS IS KING

- **Genesis 49:10 (Number 24:17 & Matthew 1:2)**, “The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.”
- **Isaiah 9:6-7 (Luke 1:32-33)**, “6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.”
- **Isaiah 22:22 (Matthew 16:16 & Revelation 1:18)**, “I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.”
- **Isaiah 42:1 (Matthew 12:18-21)**, “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.”



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- **Daniel 7:13-14 (Mark 16:61-62)**, “13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”
- **Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:5-60)**, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”
- **Psalms 2:6-8 (Acts 13:32-33)**, “4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” 7 I will proclaim the LORD'S decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. 8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”

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- **Psalm 45:6 (Hebrews 1:6,7)**, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.”
- **Psalm 110:1, (Matthew 21:41-46)**, “The Lord says to my lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”
- **John 3:35**, “The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.”
- **Ephesians 1:20-22**, “20 He exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.”

JESUS IS KING

- **Revelation 1:5**, “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.”
- **Revelation 19:11-16**, “11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter.’ [Psalm 2:9] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”