

# CONSUMERS vs DISCIPLES

## Mark 1:16-20

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “**Come, follow me,**” Jesus said, “**and I will send you out to fish for people.**” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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## CONSUMERS

VS

## DISCIPLES

Someone primarily focused on personal benefit, seeking the best deal with minimal cost or sacrifice. This approach to faith often centers on “What can I get?” rather than “What can I give?”

Someone devoted to following the teachings of Jesus in obedience and faithfulness. A disciple prioritizes spiritual transformation over comfort, with a willingness to follow Christ regardless of personal cost. (Luke 9:23; John 8:31)



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## DISCIPLES

- Self-focused (Phil. 2:3-4)
- Takes more (Acts 20:35)
- Character low (Prov. 11:3)
- Not devoted (Matt. 13:20-21)
- Trend-led (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

- Others-focused (Mark 10:45)
- Gives more (2 Cor. 9:7)
- Character key (1 Pet. 1:15)
- Devoted fully (Rev. 12:11)
- Christ-led (John 10:27)

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## WHAT ARE YOU?

- “**Christian**” appears only 3 times: Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.
- “**Believer**” appears ~23 times in the NIV (e.g., John 8:31; Acts 5:14; 1 Timothy 4:12).
- “**Disciple**” appears over 290 times, primarily in the Gospels and Acts, showing the biblical priority on active following rather than mere title.



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WHERE ARE YOU?

- **The Community:** The broad group that hears the message (e.g., the cities and towns: Luke 4:43).
- **The Curious:** Those drawn by miracles or teachings (e.g., the 5,000 – Matthew 14:21).
- **The Committed:** Those who obey His teaching and follow more closely (like the 120 in Acts 1:15).
- **The Core:** The 12 apostles (Luke 6:13).

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ARE YOU A DISCIPLE?

- Self-Denying (Luke 9:23)
- Loving People (John 13:35)
- Abiding in the Word (John 8:31)
- Fruitful (John 15:8)
- Obedient (Matt. 28:20)
- Servanting (Mark 10:43-45)
- Persevering (Matt. 10:22)
- Prayerful (Luke 18:1)
- Humble (Phil. 2:3-4)
- Willing to Suffer (2 Tim. 3:12)
- Worshipful (John 4:23-24)
- Baptized in the Spirit (Acts 1:5; 2:4)