


## Lesson 2: The Requirement of Devoted Discipleship

Lesson 2 Objective: Demonstrate that faithful evangelism flows exclusively from an intimate relationship with Jesus.

### I. The definition of discipleship

- A. From the Old Testament: The fear of the Lord
- B. From the Synoptic Gospels (Matt 16:24-27; Mk 8:34-38; Lk 9:23-26, 14:25-35)
- C. From Romans
  - 1. Foundation of justification by faith alone Rom 3:23-26
  - 2. Refusal to be dominated by sin Rom 6:12-15
  - 3. Understanding of the futility of self-effort Rom 7:13-20
  - 4. Appropriation by faith of the resource of the indwelling Spirit Rom 8:1-4, 11
  - 5. Dedication of the new man as a living sacrifice Rom 12:1-2
- D. From the Gospel of John Jn 13-17

Evangelism begins with discipleship!

**What Christ asks of us:** Follow Him as a disciple regardless of the personal cost.  This is how we begin

**From Lesson 1:** *Abide in Me*. How do we do this?

- 1) We make daily time in His **word** the highest priority of our day (Jn 15:7a)
- 2) We cultivate a life of devoted **prayer** (Jn 15:7b)
- 3) We build a life of obedience beginning with the command to love (Jn 13:34-35)  
→ This can only occur within the context of the **gathering of the local church**

### II. The impossibility of the work


- A. The work of drawing Jn 6:44
- B. The work of convicting Jn 16:8-11
- C. The work of opening hearts Ac 16:4
- D. The work of removing spiritual blindness 2 Cor 4:3-4

Christ works through His disciples

**What Christ asks of us:** Walk by faith, understanding that He alone can accomplish the real work of evangelism, though He allows us to participate

### III. The requirement of discipleship

- A. Fishers of men Matt 4:19; Mk 1:17
- B. Fruitful branch Jn 15:4-5

**What Christ asks of us:** Answer His call to follow Him. 

***This IS the most important issue to be addressed for our entire 12-week study.***