



Key References:

John 14:26 (ESV)

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

“The reality is that we’re all disciples of somebody of something. We are all being formed into the image of something. We all want to think we’re unique, but really we are a compilation of this and that influence. The question is not ‘are you a disciple?’ but ‘what are you a disciple to?’ If you were to plot your character arch out two, three or four decades into the future, who are you becoming? Are you on track to become Jesus expressed through your personality? Or is it somebody or something else?” - **John Mark Comer**

“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is this. Whether those who are identified as Christians will become disciples. Students, apprentices, practitioners, of Jesus Christ steadily learning from Him how to live the life of Kingdom of the heavens into every corner of human existence.” - **Dallas Willard**

Acts 4:13 (ESV)

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Matthew 16:24–25 (NIV)

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

1 – BEING AN APPRENTICE

Do you view yourself as a disciple of Jesus? What about as an apprentice of Jesus? What the difference between those two terms?

Andy talked about three stages of apprenticeship being 1) *Spending time with your trainer*, 2) *Becoming like your trainer*, 3) *Doing what your trainer did*. **Have any of you done an apprenticeship? How well do you think these three stages reflects being disciples of Jesus?**

2 – BE WITH JESUS

Why is the first stage of being a disciple simply being with Jesus?

The disciples were with Jesus 24/7. **Do we have the same opportunity, or have we lost out on that?**

Read John 14:15-17, 14:26, 16:13-14. **What do these passages reveal how we can be in Jesus’ presence? Is it possible to be there 24/7?**

How did Jesus spend time with God the Father? Read John 5:19-20.

3 – BECOME LIKE JESUS

Read the quote by John Mark Comer. **Do you feel like of the past 5 years you have become more like Jesus? What are you biggest hopes for you character in the next decade?**

Read John 17:17-19. **Why did Jesus sandwich being sent out with sanctification like this?**

4 – DO WHAT JESUS DID

Read John 6:38. **How close can we reasonably get to living like this?**

Andy said on Sunday that; *“to be a disciple of Jesus is to do all that he did.”* **How is that statement challenging to you? Why do we need the whole church family to achieve it?**

Read the quote by Dallas Willard. **Why did Dallas say this was the greatest issue facing the world?**

Read Acts 4:13. **What is the connection between boldness and spending in the presence of Jesus?**

Extra References:

WINNING SOULS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

We aim to evangelize, care for, and grow individuals in Christ as we reach into our community and the nations with the gospel and dynamic of practical ministry; thereby fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Evangelism is the responsibility of every Believer, and not just an occasion or event.

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 14:15–17 (ESV)

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 16:13–14 (ESV)

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 5:19 (ESV)

¹⁹So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (ESV)

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

John 15:4 (ESV)

⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 17:20–21 (NIV)

²¹[...] Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:17–19 (NIV)

¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 6:38 (ESV)

³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

John 10:27–29 (ESV)

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

Adverts:

The image is a promotional graphic for a fireside chat. On the left, a black vertical banner contains the text: "FIRESIDE CHAT W/ MARCEL" at the top, "DEC 1ST" in large white letters in the middle, and "7PM AT THE BUZZ" at the bottom. To the right of the banner is a photograph of two men standing outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with a graphic and a blue cap. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. Overlaid on the photo is the text "Fireside Chat With MARCEL FROM HAITI" in white, with "7PM @ THE BUZZ" and "DEC 1ST 2019" at the bottom. A small circular logo with the letter 'C' is visible on the right side of the banner.