

**Questions Jesus Asked
Concerning Discipleship**

Questions Jesus Asked Rhetorical

“... what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul?”

Mk 8:36-37 (ESV)

Questions Jesus Asked for Testing His Disciples

*Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread,
so that these people may eat?”*

Jn 6:5 (ESV)

Questions Jesus Asked to Help us to Trust Him

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

Jn 11:25-26 (ESV)

Questions Jesus Asked for Proclaiming

*“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
[then] He said to them, “But who do you say
that I am?”*

Mt 16:13-15 (ESV)

Our Discipleship to Jesus

*Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. **For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?***

Lk 14:25-28 (ESV)

Our Discipleship to Jesus - 2

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

Lk 24:29-31 (ESV)

Our Discipleship to Jesus - 3

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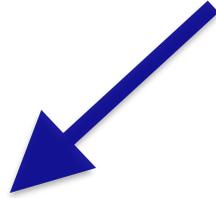
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More Questions

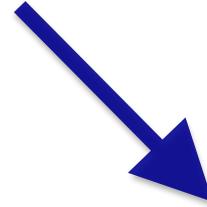
“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty’

Lk 17:7-10 (ESV)

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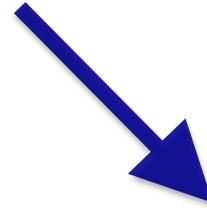


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**Context – our requirement
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We are to do whatever God commands:

- Forgive
- Go ... and make disciples of all nations

Love Your Enemies...

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Mt 5:44-48 (ESV)

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Slow Learners

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

Mk 10 35-38 (ESV)

And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

Mk 10 39-41 (ESV)

And Jesus called them to him and said to them,
“You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

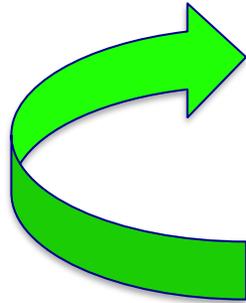
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**Sometimes: we get out
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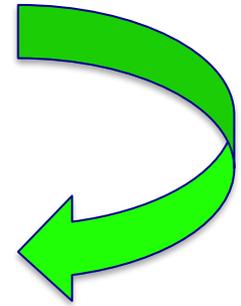
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The Kingdom of God



X Positions of Authority

✓ Positions of Service



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Blessings Enable Us

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Cor 9:8-11 (ESV)

***Am I a willing servant of the
living God?***

What are my motives?

***Do I yearn for God's blessings
that I might be better equipped?***