



Getting Started on a New Way of Life

8. Purpose in Life – to be conformed into the image of Jesus

When God saves us, He saves us for His purpose which is the work he has put before us in His Word. Romans 8:29 says we are saved to be conformed to the image of Christ. This begs a very real question that we all must answer if we want to live a life of obedience to our Savior. What does it mean to look like Jesus? Though this is a deep question we have the simple answer in scripture and it can be asked in one question. What did Jesus do?

Jesus loved God and loved people. In Mark 12:30-31 he tells his disciples this is the greatest commandment and Jesus did this perfectly.

Jesus loves God

How did Jesus show he loved the Father?

Luke 5:16

John 5:30

Jesus taught His disciples to love God

What did Jesus teach about loving God?

Mark 12:30

John 14:21

Disciples taught others to love God

What did the disciples teach about loving God?

Galatians 2:20

1 John 4:19

Jesus loves people

How did Jesus show He loved people?

John 3:16

Matthew 15:32

Jesus taught His disciples to love people

What did Jesus teach about loving people?

Matthew 22:37-39

Disciples taught others to love people

What do the disciples teach about loving people?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Peter 4:8

Jesus gives us our discipleship mission in Matthew 28:19-20 when he says “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

What does this passage say we are to do? _____

Who are we to tell this to? _____

What are we to tell them? _____

When are we to tell them? _____

Where are we to tell them? _____

Why are we to tell them? _____

Is this passage a command or a suggestion? _____

Why does Jesus say “I will be with you...”? _____

When Jesus says “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” do you think it includes teaching them to be disciple makers? _____

In Deuteronomy 6:4-9 we see this spelled out as a command to continuously disciple our children. *“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

We are to continuously disciple our children teaching them and showing them how we are making disciples of others. The “as you are living life” element is seen in both the Matthew and Deuteronomy passages.

What do the following verses teach us about making disciples?

Matthew 4:19-20

Titus 2:3-4

Ephesians 6:4

What do the following verses say it’s like to be a disciple?

Matthew 10:37-38

Luke 9:57-58

John 15:8

Luke 9:23-24

What are some things that could cause you personally to struggle with the mission of making disciples? _____

How could you consistently evaluate yourself to ensure you are living obedient to His mission? _____

How would you help others to live His mission? _____
