

JESUS DISCIPLE RALLY

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ALL ARE CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES

+ 15 Questions to All Believers

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Mark 16:15–18 (NKJV) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And **these signs will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

GOD HAS CALLED US OUT OF THE MOST COMMON MINISTRY MODEL—THE ATTRACTIVE BUILDING CHURCH MODEL—AND INTO ANOTHER MODEL.

INSTEAD OF ASKING EVERYONE TO INVITE PEOPLE TO THE BUILDING TO BE SAVED AND DISCIPLED, HE TOLD US TO TRAIN AND EQUIP EVERY BELIEVER TO GO OUT AND MAKE DISCIPLES.

NOW ... EVEN FROM OUR CAMPUSES, WE'RE TRAINING AND SENDING PEOPLE TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

I THOUGHT THE ATTRACTIVE BUILDING CHURCH MODEL WAS MERELY AN OLD INFERIOR MODEL, BUT RECENTLY I DISCOVERED THAT IN SOME CASES, THERE ARE ROOTS OF A FALSE DOCTRINE.

Revelation 2:12–16 (NKJV) I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. **15** Thus you also have those who hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate**. **16** Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Revelation 2:6 (NKJV) But this you have, that you hate **the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate**.

Warren Wiersbe's "With the Word Bible Commentary" says...

“The word Nicolaitans means “conquer the people.” Apparently, a group in the church lorded it over the people and promoted a separation of “clergy” and “laity.”

JACK HAYFORD'S TEACHING (Searing Words — Saving Promises)

“[The doctrine of the Nicolaitans is] perhaps most briefly, concisely, and thoroughly developed in William Barclay's commentary on the book of Revelation [which is a] masterpiece... The whole commentary series was written by a British scholar who wrote ... a daily release in the

newspapers throughout Britain years ago, [so the commentary is] written in such clear and simple language and ... Barclay gives very good background on this [doctrine]. According to the early church historian Hippolytus (*hip – pŏ´ - lit - us*), [this is] the same [Nicolas] mentioned in the 6th chapter of the book of Acts where ... the early church ... appointed [seven] deacons. ... [Nicolas] later returned to Antioch which was a city north in Syria and it was there that Nicolas moved into a place of church leadership. And ... to him ... is attributed... [this] heresy ... [which had] to do with justifying the carnality of the constituency of the church, except for the leadership. Because the leadership, everybody knows, needs to be righteous and good, and also needs to be equipped to have answers, the wisdom of God, [and] power to pray for the people that have needs... the laymen, as we call them, which isn't a biblical term, by the way. That's born of church tradition. God has no laymen, He has sons and daughters. ... Laymen is not, I don't think, ... a word that's wrong to use because people understand it in the culture, but ... I ... feel badly hearing anybody ... say 'I'm just a laymen.' ... In the eyes of Jesus, there are no such things. ... The idea Jesus had for the Church was to pour out His Spirit on every member of ... His body ... [This] hierarchicalism ... is characterized [today] in the mindset of multiplied hundreds of millions of people in the Church of Jesus Christ. ... Everything in the culture, everything in the culture of the Church plays into this, because to begin with all of us feel inadequate, I do. When it comes to ministry, I feel inadequate, and you do too... What Nicolas ... did was create what was called the doctrine of the Nicolaitans ... The word Nicolaitans is derived from *nicas*, which is the Greek word for 'the conqueror,' and *laos*, which is the word for people. [Laos is] where we get the word layman, but it just meant 'the people.' ... [So] *Nicas laos* was 'the conquering of the people' by the formation of a hierarchy that diminished the role of the membership of the body of the church to two things: Number one, don't expect all that much ... of yourself in terms of anything happening through you. Because if [someone] needs to be ministered [to], what you do is you ... bring them to the man of God or the woman of God, bring them to people who have 'got it.' ... And ... secondly, [you] support them. In fact, [you] pay them to do this. ... [You pay] the bill [because] they've got more power and more godliness than [you]. And this was the real hook in Nicolaitanism, [they were teaching people], 'You don't need to bother much with [trying to] grow in the Lord yourself. And your relative purity of life is unimportant. ... [So] Nicolaitanism was compromising—in every way—the purpose of Christ. It compromised people's lives, and worst of all, it compromised the desire of the Lord to bring the ministry of His life through every member of His Church.'

Caleb Tyler did some additional research on this and wrote this:

In addition to the word study of "Nicolas," which Pastor Jack did, here's some recent scholarship (2023) that shows the relationship between the teaching of Balaam (which is in the context in v. 14) and the teaching of the Nicolaitans by the same sort of word study of "Balaam." Check it out:

"John uses Balaam as a type or correspondence for the teaching that has emerged with the Nicolaitans. Fourth and least certain, **if we take apart the word "Balaam" in Hebrew and segregate the verb form and noun form, it means "rule over the people" (בַּעַל עַם, *bā' al 'am*). The same is true of the word "Nicolaitans": the verb form and noun form mean "rule over the people" (νικάω λαός, *nikaō laos*). Some think this is too clever, but the other close connections explained here make it harder to believe that this is an accident (cf. Beale 1999: 251; Beale and McDonough 2007: 1094; Mathews 2013: 153).**"

NICOLAITANS... NICO... RULE OVER... LAITANS... THE LAITY... THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS ONLY WE LEADERS CAN DO... SUCH AS PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE HEALED... SERVE COMMUNION... BAPTIZE PEOPLE IN WATER... CAST OUT DEMONS... AND MOST IMPORTANTLY... MAKE DISCIPLES.

BUT JESUS' PLAN TO REACH THE WORLD IS TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT ON EVERY BELIEVER AND TO SEND THEM OUT TO MAKE DISCIPLES.

AND THAT'S THE CHANGE JESUS CALLED US TO MAKE... AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO STICK WITH IT.

VIDEO: REI'S TESTIMONY

15 QUESTIONS TO ALL BELIEVERS

1. DO YOU LOVE JESUS?

John 14:15 (NKJV) "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

John 10:27 (NKJV) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

2. CAN YOU HEAR HIM?

Luke 5:27–28 (NKJV) After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." **28 So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.**

3. WILL YOU FOLLOW HIM?

Matthew 4:18–20 (NKJV) And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **20** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**

4. WILL YOU FOLLOW HIM IMMEDIATELY?

Matthew 4:21–22 (NKJV) Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, **22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.**

5. WILL YOU LEAVE THINGS AND PEOPLE?

Matthew 10:37–37 (NKJV) He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

6. DO YOU LOVE SOMEONE MORE THAN JESUS?

Mark 10:17–23 (NKJV) Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?” **18** So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” **20** And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” **21** Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” **22** But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **23** Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

7. IS ANYTHING HOLDING YOU BACK?

SONG: JESUS, I WILL FOLLOW YOU

Jesus, I will follow You
Nothing in this world will do
I give all that I have and am
And trust You, Jesus, to the end
I am Yours until the end

John 12:26 (NKJV) If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me.

8. ARE YOU SERVING BUT NOT FOLLOWING?

Philippians 2:5–8 (NLT) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **6** Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. **7** Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, **8** he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

9. DID JESUS SACRIFICE?

Acts 5:40–41 (NKJV) And when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

10. DID THE 12 APOSTLES SACRIFICE?

2 Corinthians 11:23–27 (NLT) I have served [Jesus] far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. **24** Five

different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. **26** I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. **27** I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

11. DID PAUL SACRIFICE?

Revelation 2:10 (NKJV) Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

12. HAVE OTHER BELIEVERS SACRIFICED?

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV) Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

13. WILL YOU SACRIFICE?

JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER...

John 21:18–22 (NKJV) Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.” **19** This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” **20** Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” **21** Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” **22** Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.”

14. WILL YOU MAKE SACRIFICES OTHERS AREN'T CALLED TO MAKE?

Mark 1:17 (NKJV) “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

15. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU JUST FOLLOWED HIM?

VIDEO: DR. LIN

I HEAR THE LORD ASKING ME TO SACRIFICE MORE TO REACH THE HARVEST.

DO YOU HEAR THAT TOO?

I HEAR JESUS CALLING FOR:

- **MORE PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS**
- **MORE SHARING OF OUR STORIES AND THE GOSPEL**
- **MORE HEALINGS & MIRACLES RESULTING IN DISCIPLES**
- **MORE JESUS DISCIPLE GROUPS BEING STARTED**
- **MORE JESUS DISCIPLE HOUSE CHURCHES BEING OPENED**
- **MORE NETWORKS BEING LAUNCHED**
- **MORE GIVING TO THE JESUS DISCIPLE FUND**

SONGS:

- **JESUS I WILL FOLLOW YOU**
- **I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS**
- **I SURRENDER ALL**