

Confirmation Week 10 Homework Assignment

Theme of the Week: What does it mean to be a disciple?

This week was week 3 of our Jesus unit. In the first week we looked at the life, ministry, and teaching of Jesus. Week 2 was examining the different meanings of the cross. This week we examined what it means to actually be a *disciple* (follower) of Jesus.

We often confuse BELIEF and DISCIPLESHIP. Belief implies something inward, while discipleship implies something active. It is outward and oftentimes difficult. To begin, brainstorm ideas about what words come to mind when you hear the word “disciple”. Then, try to write a definition of “disciple” in the first section of the last page of this handout. You can use resources like the dictionary or a thesaurus as a help for this first part.

Then, complete these two activities to explore this idea further.

ACTIVITY #1: Scripture

- 1.) Knowing that our theme today is discipleship, we will spend some time today looking at scriptures that might give us some insight. Read both bible stories, then answer the questions with *at least* 1-2 sentences. After finishing both stories, rewrite your definition of discipleship in the “definition #2” box on the last page.

Mark 12:41-44:

- Why was the woman’s gift worth more than those who put in a lot more money?
- What does the story (in your opinion) tell us about discipleship?

Acts 7:51-60:

- Are there ways that you stand up for your faith at home or in school? Example?
- If so, what is difficult about standing up for your faith?
- What does this story (in your opinion) tell us about discipleship?

ACTIVITY #2: Video

The link to the video can be found here: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkOZEt-KwZw&ab_channel=DavidMann) The video is ~15 minutes long. Watch it, then write a final definition for discipleship in the “definition #3” box on the last page. It might be the same as before, it might be totally different, or it might have changed a little!

Answer these questions with *at least* 1-2 sentences:

- What message does Jesus the Rabbi send us by not having the “best of the best” (from the video) as his followers?
- How big of a role do insecurities play in your life? Do they affect your faith? Do you control them, or do they control you?
- What do you think it means to ‘be like Jesus’? Is it something we (you) can do?
- What do you think it means when Rob says “God believes in you.” Do you believe that? Are you a disciple? If so, how? If not, do you want to be?

Brainstorming “Discipleship”

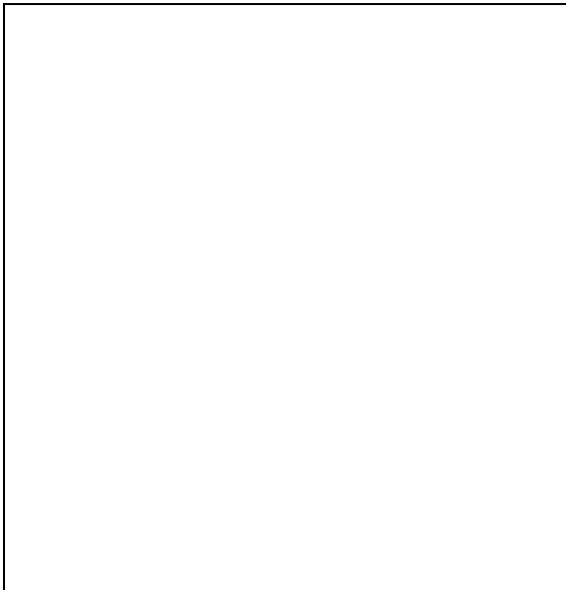
What words or phrases do you associate with the word “disciple” or “discipleship”? You can use dictionaries, thesauruses or any other resource to help out with it!



DISCIPLE

Takeaways from Scripture Passages

Mark 12:41-44



Acts 7:51-60



What is Discipleship?

Definition #1 (Beginning of Assignment):

Definition #2 (After Scripture):

Definition #3 (After video):