

Theme: A disciple is one who recognizes their sin, receives the forgiveness offered in Christ, and lives a life of worship and service in the context of a local community of believers.

## I. Intro – Pentecost Setting

- A. Crazy (drunk?) people in public
- B. An amazing sermon!
- C. Everything quiet for finale
- D. We pick up the story here

## II. The Call To Become A Disciple (v36)

- A. You crucified Him – their sin and ours
  - 1. These people rejected and crucified Christ
  - 2. Yet we are no less responsible – our sin
  - 3. 1 Peter 3:18
- B. God has overruled – Jesus raised, Lord, Christ
  - 1. Acts 2:23-24; 1 Pe 3:18 – raised
  - 2. v36 – Lord and Christ - installed

## III. The Response of A Disciple (v37-41)

- A. Cut to the heart by the message (v37)
  - 1. Recognize their sin & danger
  - 2. How can I be saved from this? (v37b)
- B. The command – repentance, baptism (v38)

- 1. Repent – change mind (v38)
- 2. Be baptized – outward sign of inward change (v38)
- 3. Baptism in Jesus' Name – He is Lord! (v38)

## C. The promise – forgiveness and Spirit (v38)

- 1. Forgiveness and Spirit given to disciples
- 2. Cleansing and empowerment for living/service

## D. The extent of the promise (v39)

- 1. You, children, far off (Diaspora & Gentiles)
- 2. All whom God calls receive this

## E. The response of a disciple (v41)

- 1. Accepted the message, baptized, added (v41)
- 2. Now part of the people of God

## IV. The Community of Disciples (vv42-47)

- A. A community of worship (v42, 46)
  - 1. Built on the Word (apostles teaching)
  - 2. Community of sharing (fellowship; 44-45)
  - 3. Community in Temple & homes (v42, 46)
  - 4. Break bread (v42, 46; Acts 20:7)
  - 5. Prayer (v42)
- B. The outcome

1. A true community – close knit (vv44-46)
2. A community with God at work (v43)
3. A community of joy and praise (v46-47)
4. A community with influence and growth (v47)

## **V. Applying the Word**

- A. Have you answered the call to be a disciple?
  1. Have you seen your complicity in Christ's death?
  2. Have you repented and asked forgiveness?
- B. Are we living the life of a disciple?
  1. Have you been baptized – if not, why not?
  2. Are we regular in worship?
  3. Do we participate in all parts of worship?
  4. Are we committed to a specific community?
  5. Are we living in real community – worship, home, sharing?
- C. Dave and Nancy – membership and baptism

### **What It Means to Be A Disciple**

Acts 2:36-47

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Water Baptism & Receive Into Membership Dave and Nancy Brown

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

<sup>18</sup> For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

1 Peter 3:18

<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:23-24

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

Acts 20:7