***Discipleship #1 – Acts 11:21-26***

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**Introduction**

1. Before we were called Christians in Antioch we were called disciples first (Acts 11:26)! The problem we have today is a lack of discipleship...
2. Think about the following questions:
   1. Do you want to be a disciple?
   2. Are you, presently a disciple?
   3. What are you doing to become a disciple?
3. **Lordship**
   1. Jesus Is Lord First
      1. When Peter concluded his sermon on Pentecost he did it with a resounding, “God has made Jesus **both** Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36 emphasis mine).
      2. Jesus is called Lord 747 times in the New Testament and 92 times in Acts. The preaching of Acts centers on the Lordship of Jesus.
      3. 1 John 2:6 is a great test of our discipleship. To be a disciple means to be like Jesus.
      4. To be right with God means Jesus is the Lord of our lives. Why is it Jesus has so little authority over those who claim Him? Why should we call Him Lord when we are not doing what He says? (Luke 6:46).
4. **Discipleship**
   1. “Come To Me” – Matthew 11:28-29
      1. Coming to Jesus is not about what we will get but the admission of our sin and need for Jesus to save me. It is called “repentance towards God and faith in Christ.”
   2. “Follow Me” – Matthew 4:19; 8:22; 9:9; 16:24; 19:21,28; John 8:12; 10:27; 12:26
      1. Jesus has only had one command—“Follow Me.”
5. **Do Not Disciple One-On-One**
   1. Make Disciples Of Jesus Not Disciples Of Us
      1. When you try to disciple one-on-one, you clone! We are called into a church, a body, a group, a family. We are all disciples.
6. **Disciples Live Changed Lives**
   1. New Life In Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:17
      1. Disciples serve like Jesus. Can one be a Christian without being a follower? The Lord cannot save those whom He cannot command!
      2. The divine test of discipleship is a willingness to bow to His authority.