

## Teach—Disciples Follow and Learn

Mathew 28:16-20

*“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.”* —Isaiah 54:2

### Uses of the word Stake

1. Simply, a stake, piece of wood or metal driven into the ground.
2. Stake a claim, mark your land, a mine in gold rush days.
3. Grub stake, food for future profits of a mining venture.
4. Stake, a bet, amount of wager in gambling.
5. A district composed of 3 or more Wards in the Mormon faith.

### 1. Disciples publicly **Follow**.

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.* —Matthew 28:19

**King James version, Teach all nations, but NKJV, “Make Disciples...”**

μαθητευω *matheteuo math-ayt-yoo'-o*

- 1) to be a disciple of one, to follow his precepts and instructions
- 2) to make a disciple, to teach, instruct

**Matthew 16:24**, *“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”*

**Application:** Have you publicly declared your faith in Jesus Christ?

### 2. Disciples **Learn**.

*“And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* —Matthew 28:20

διδασκω *didasko did-as'-ko*

cause to learn, prolonged causative form of verb dao (to learn)

- 1) to teach, to be a teacher
- 2) to impart instruction, to instill doctrine into one

*Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.* —Acts 2:41-42

**Spiritual formation** is the process by which we are made into the image of Jesus.

**Spiritual disciplines:**

Prayer,  
Bible reading and study,  
Worship,  
Small group fellowship,  
Giving,  
Serving.

Being a ***disciple*** is to be a ***follower***.

We can be a follower and not learn much, a worldly follower.

**Application:**

What Spiritual disciplines have you practiced to grow more into the image of Jesus?

### 3. Disciples learn to **Obey**.

*“And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

—Matthew 28:20

**Passionate followers** love God with all your heart, soul mind, and strength.

- **Heart** is to love God, worship, relationship.
- Mind is to **Know** God, know about God. Doctrine, scripture.
- Strength is to **Serve** God, we serve God by serving others.

**Application:**

What acts of obedience have you learned or practiced this past year? Past 3 months?

Memory Verse:

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* —Matthew 28:19-20a