Week 3: AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

Acts 11:25-26 NIV

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

What does it mean to be a **'disciple'** of Jesus? What about a **'Christian'**?

Mark 1:16-18 NIV

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

How did these men respond to Jesus' invitation to be his disciples?

What did they give up to follow Jesus? What would you need to give up to follow Jesus?

Read *Luke 9:23-26*

What standard does Jesus set for his disciples?

What would that look like for you to live a life of self denial? What would that look like for you to carry your cross daily?

Why would you want to live this lifestyle that Jesus calls for?

Read *Luke* 14:25-33

Why does Jesus call us to put him above everyone else?

What is it going to take for you to start and finish this journey with God the rest of your life?

Are you willing to give up everything to be a disciple of Jesus? What would be hard for you to give up to follow Jesus?

Matthew 20:26-28 NIV

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

What does Jesus teach about being a servant?

How can you start serving others in your life as Jesus did?

Read *Matthew 28:16-20*

What does Jesus call his disciples to do?

How have you done this in your life, and how can you do this in your life moving forward?

CHALLENGE: Start living out the Bible in your daily life!