

## Lesson 56: John 8:30-32

1. Chapter 8 Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Read v30: The Solution

3. Read v31-32: The Result

a. When a person believes in Christ, he or she becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ (Gr. *mathetes*) of Christ.

1) Webster defines a disciple as:

a) One of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

b) A person who \_\_\_\_\_ in and helps \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of a master.

2) It comes from the Greek verb *manthano*, which means to learn by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

a) In other words, being a \_\_\_\_\_ requires \_\_\_\_\_ learning and not \_\_\_\_\_ learning.

b) Read 1 Peter 2:2 - The word "desire" in this verse is in the imperative mood in the Greek, which means that it is a \_\_\_\_\_ and not a \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Being a disciple of Christ requires:

1) John 8:31: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;" = \_\_\_\_\_ of and \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Luke 14:27: "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." = \_\_\_\_\_.

3) Luke 14:33: "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." = \_\_\_\_\_.

4) John 13:35: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

5) John 15:8: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." = \_\_\_\_\_.

- c. The reward is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ - (Romans 6:18, 22).
- d. Can a person be saved without being an actual disciple? Can a person be a believer in or follower of Christ without being willing to comply with the requirements of a disciple as laid out by Jesus above?
- 1) By definition a disciple of Christ is a follower of or believer in Christ, so how can a person be saved by Christ without being a follower of Christ?
  - 2) The answer to this question is found in the answer that Jesus gave to the rich man who asked Him, "what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Let us compare Jesus' reply to the rich man's question, which is recorded in Mark 10:21, to the requirements to be a disciple listed above.
    - a) Jesus ordered this man to \_\_\_\_\_ that he had (cf. Luke 14:33).
    - b) To \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ for others by \_\_\_\_\_ to the poor (cf. John 13:35).
    - c) To \_\_\_\_\_ Him wherever He led even if it meant being nailed to a cross (cf. Luke 14:27).
    - d) And thereby he would have \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven (cf. John 15:8).
  - 3) Why is Jesus' answer to this man's question so perfectly aligned with His requirements to be one of His disciples? The answer is because the requirements to inherit eternal life and the requirements to be a disciple of Christ are the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) What was this man's response to Jesus' commands?
    - a) *Read* Mark 10:22.
    - b) This man was not willing to make Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.
    - c) He refused to \_\_\_\_\_ all of his heart, soul, and mind to the Lord.
    - d) He \_\_\_\_\_ his money and his possessions more than he \_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - e) Having money and great possessions is not a sin. However, \_\_\_\_\_ them or anything else more than you \_\_\_\_\_ God is a sin – *read* Matthew 22:36-38.
    - f) This man did not become a disciple of Christ because he was unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ - *read* Matthew 6:24.

**4. Homework:** Read chapter 9 and determine its overall theme.