

Disciple

The Key Question

⇒ Are _____ In The _____ . . . Or The _____?

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. (Matthew 7:28-29)

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. . . . But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. (Matthew 7:24, 26)

As the crowd heard Jesus' message they were called to make a personal decision, either for him or against him. When a person made a personal decision to believe in Jesus, that one would come out of the crowd to be a disciple of Jesus. Making disciples from out of the crowd was the object of Jesus' ministry in Israel (Mt. 9:35-38).
(Michael J. Wilkins, *Following the Master*)

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The Kingdom of God

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15, NASB)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. . . . Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matthew 6:25-26)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

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The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. (Matthew 6:1)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

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The Call to Follow

⇒ To _____ The _____ . . .

We _____ To _____ The _____.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. (Matthew 5:1-2)

The Gospels reveal to us that Jesus attracted large audiences, "crowds" or "multitudes", for much of his public ministry. But Jesus did not want people to remain spectators; he called for individuals to come out of the crowd to follow him as his disciple. . . . The objective of Jesus' ministry among the crowd was to make them disciples. As he taught and preached, the sign of faith was when they came out of the crowd and called Jesus "Lord" (Mt. 8:18-21;17:14-15; 19:16-22) . . . Jesus' intention was to make disciples, not simply enthusiasts.

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