

Day 1
THE FIRST PRIORITY

Week 1: Memory Verse: John 15:5 KJV

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

This study provides an opportunity for you to reassess your standing in your relationship with Christ.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

We begin this study by looking at who a disciple is and what a disciple does. The New Testament uses the term disciple three ways. First, it is a general term used to describe a committed follower of a teacher or a group.

Jesus's Expectation of His Disciples:**Luke 9:23-24 KJV**

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luke 14:25-27 KJV

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Jesus also used *disciple* to describe a follower who meets His requirements. For example, He said that His disciples must forsake families, possessions, or anything else that might keep them from following Him.

Read Luke 14:25-27 in the margin. Write in your own words what Jesus did when people began to follow Him.

THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

Second, the New Testament uses the term *disciple* to refer to the twelve apostles Jesus called. Mark 3:14 is very specific about why Jesus called these apostles.

In Mark 3:14, in the margin, underline the phrases that show two reasons Jesus chose the twelve.

He appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, to send them out to preach ...

MARK 3:14



**Look up Luke 9:23 in your Bible and write it in the margin.
This verse is foundational for *MasterLife*.**

You have seen that the term *disciple* is a general term for a committed follower of a teacher or a group, one of Jesus's twelve apostles, and a follower who meets Jesus's requirements.

List the three highest priorities in your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Day 2 Under Christ's Control:
Luke 14:25-27, 33 KJV**

MEMORY VERSE

“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.”

JOHN 15:5

WALK WITH THE MASTER

Complete these activities to develop the six disciplines.



SPEND TIME WITH THE MASTER

- Have a quiet time each day. Check the days you have a quiet time this week:

- Monday ○ Tuesday ○ Wednesday
- Thursday ○ Friday ○ Saturday ○ Sunday



LIVE IN THE WORD

- Read the Bible every day. Write what God says to you and what you say to God.
- Memorize John 15:5.



PRAY IN FAITH

- Pray for each member of your MasterLife group by name at least twice this week.
- Find a prayer partner with whom you will pray each week.
- Use the Map of Unreached Peoples on page 185 to pray for people throughout the world.



FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS

- Get better acquainted with a group member.



WITNESS TO THE WORLD

- Begin developing Christian habits (e.g., daily prayer, Bible study) that will form and empower you to show your love of God to the world.



MINISTER TO OTHERS

- At the end of the week, tell someone what you have learned about the center of the Disciple's Cross.

THIS WEEK'S GOAL

Evaluate your discipleship and focus on Christ as the center of your life.