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A disciple is one who follows Christ

**Series Theme Verse:**

Matthew 4:19 (NLT) “Jesus called out to them, “Come follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

**Ice Breaker Question:**

If your group is meeting for the first time have members introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves. You can also use this ice breaker to get people talking. When you were a kid what was the thing that your parents asked you to do that was hardest to obey?

Ask group members to share one thing from the sermon that stood out to them- something new to them or something they hope to put into practice. You can encourage each group member to come to each service and take notes and prepare to share one thing each week.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Read: Luke 5:1-11, Luke 5:27-28 , 1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT) Obedience is giving up control. How does this look in your life? Why are we sometimes so resistant to God’s Words or promptings?
2. The book of Deuteronomy is all about the instructions that Israel was to obey so they could enter into the Promised Land and stay there. Read Deut 4:1&2 Your obedience is crucial to experiencing everything God has promised to you. The more we know, the more we are responsible to obey. Why are we sometimes so quick to let ourselves off the hook where obedience is concerned? How can I choose courage over comfort when it comes to obedience?
3. Read Deut 10:13 What is it that God is or has been asking me to do/not do/let go of? What is my one “Just Do it” that God is asking of me. Have I been ignoring, disregarding, fearful, stubborn, proud, intimidated...? What aspect of God’s character or power am I underestimating when I am resistant? Read Psalm 103:2-13
4. God had this place called the Promised Land picked out for Israel. And if they would just OBEY, here are some of the things promised to them throughout Deuteronomy:
  - They would have STRENGTH to go in and take over
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  - They would experience LONG LIFE in the land
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  - The land would have plenty of RAIN
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  - It’s land that THE LORD CARES FOR AND WATCHES OVER
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  - God would watch over EVERY SEASON - providing what’s needed for each at exactly the right time
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  - SO THAT - they would have all the provisions they’d need (harvests, grain, olive oil) - They’d have all they want to eatGod has a plan and a purpose for your life - a “promised land” full of hope, life, purpose, blessing



Consider: Sometimes we pre-decide what blessings will look like or how they will come about in our lives. Then when God does things His way, a different way, we either fail to see the blessing all together OR we get disappointed because it didn't meet our expectations. We have to remember that God decides how/when/where the blessings come. That's not our job. Our responsibility is simply obedience.

5. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking we are 100% obedient because we've maybe forgotten or ignored some of the things God asks all of us to do... Consider these commands (just a few of many that are meant for everyone): - Go and make disciples - are you? - Pray for those who persecute/wrong you? - do you? - Love your enemies - do you? - Help the poor and those in need - do you? - Watch your tongue and what comes out of your mouth - do you? Consider: "Delayed obedience is disobedience"

6. How do I lead/disciple my kids in learning obedience to God? How can I let them see me delighting in obedience to God? What might that look like?

7. Consider this great challenge by Lisa Bevere: "Disobedience is not an option for those who call Jesus LORD. Without obedience there is no true authority over sin and the enemy. I challenge you to ask the Holy Spirit to expose any area of compromise in your life."

**Prayer points:**

In our groups this week can we encourage each other to obedience? To encourage is to put courage into - so speak and pray courage into and over each other.

Pray for strength to listen and obey with humility, willingness and even delight.

