

S.G. Study Guide: *Disciple.*

Opener: *How would you define a disciple? Compare and contrast the biblical disciples with our lives today.*

1. Disciples are redeemed representatives. (Eph. 2:1-10)

- Discuss what it means to be saved by grace and through faith. Why by grace and why through faith?
- What does it mean to be dead in our sins? How *did* we pursue our passions through the course of the world?
- Discuss the present and future aspects of salvation. How does Paul explain salvation in the present and future?
- Discuss the concept that Jesus redeemed us and called us to be representatives. How does this reveal the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

2. Disciples must have head and heart knowledge. (Philippians 4:8-9)

- When you became a disciple who fed you in your early days of faith? When did you understand your need to “self-feed”? Was it messy early on? Have you perfected it yet?
- To walk in good works we must have a deep understanding and experience with our faith. What does this look like? Discuss head and heart knowledge.
- Why is interpretation without application spiritual death?

3. Disciples are obedient to God’s commands. (John 15:9-14)

- How can we live in harmony with God? How often do we ask God to fit into our lives vs. us fitting into Him?
- How can one claim to love and believe in God yet create their own commitment level and code of ethics that are anti-biblical? Discuss modern examples.
- Define and discuss what it means to abide in Jesus.
- How does Jesus equate obedience to abiding and why does this provide “full joy”?
- How did Jesus model love and friendship?
- What does it mean to be a friend to Jesus? How did Jesus teach that one secures friendship with Him?