**BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE – AUGUST 2020**

**BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
2. People will commonly say, “A disciple of Jesus is a follower of Jesus
3. Is that a sufficient definition and description of being a disciple of Jesus?
4. The word “Disciple” is the Greek word “*mathētēs*”.
   1. A disciple is a learner
   2. However, more than a learner, a disciple is an adherent of what is learned, who accepts the instruction given and makes it a personal rule of conduct.
   3. Hence, it denotes “one who follows one's teaching”
5. Disciples of John
   1. Matthew 11:2
   2. Mark 2:18
   3. Luke 5:33
   4. Luke 7:18
   5. John 3:25
6. Disciples of the Pharisees (Mark 2:18)
7. Disciples of Moses (John 9:28)
8. The word “Disciple” is only found in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. It is not found in the O. T, nor in the Epistles.

**YOU BECOME A DISCIPLE WHEN YOU ARE CALLED BY JESUS (INITIATED BY JESUS)**

1. Andrew and Peter (Mark 1:16-18)
2. James and John (Mark 1:19, 20)
3. Levi [Matthew] (Mark 2:14)
4. The twelve (Luke 6:12-17)

**CHALLENGE OF BECOMING A DISCIPLE WHEN IT IS HUMAN INITIATED**

1. The rich, young ruler (Mark 10:17-29)
2. As Jesus journeyed on the road (Luke 9”57-62)
3. Unbelieving disciples (John 6:60-71)

**PROCESS OF BELIEVING IN JESUS**

1. Participation of God, the Father (John 6:44)
2. Participation of God, the Son (John 14:6)
3. Participation of God, the Holy Spirit (John 16:8)

**QUESTION: CAN SOMEONE BECOME A DISCIPLE WITHOUT BEING CALLED?**

**WHO IS CALLED TO BECOME A DISCIPLE?**

1. Zealots [Simon] (Mark 3:18)
2. Tax Collectors (Mark 2:14)
3. Sinners (Mark 2:14)
4. Women (Mark 15:40, 41)
5. Luke 8:1-3)

**BECOMING A DISCIPLE IS A COMING [TO JESUS] AND A GOING [TO THE WORLD]**

1. Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men (Mark 1:17)
2. To proclaim Jesus (Mark 3:14)
3. With power and authority (Luke 9:1-6)

**EVIDENCE THAT I AM A DISCIPLE**

1. I love others as Jesus loves me (John 13:24, 25)
2. I produce much fruit John 15:1-8)
3. I abide in Jesus’ word John 8:31,32)
4. I hate [relative preference for one thing over another] my family (Luke 14:26)
5. I deny myself and follow Jesus (Luke 14:27)
6. I forsake everything I have (Luke 14:33)