

Conquering Disciples

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I. Introduction.

- A. Everything that Jesus said was part of a divine pattern, and He never lost track.
- B. A hunger and thirst for righteousness characterized the disciples—they were available, teachable and willing to pay the price of following Christ.
- C. Jesus' plan was to teach His disciples.
- D. Jesus' prayer was that His disciples would be one, safe from evil and sanctified. (John 17)

II. Jesus Christ did all He could for the multitudes, but He devoted Himself to a few men.

- A. The genius of His strategy was devoting Himself to a few.
- B. The essence of His training program was to devote Him to them.
- C. Jesus Christ was the training program and the curriculum.
- D. Jesus Christ was excited about getting involved in the lives of a few, and He wants to get involved in our lives just as intensely.

III. If you accept the challenge to follow Jesus, we must accept His path—He suffered and served.

- A. Jesus is looking for people who recognize that this world is sick, and who care about something greater than their own life.
- B. The only thing Jesus offers you is Life.
- C. Christ offers you the opportunity to complete the will of God and reach the world for Christ in our generation—we only must surrender.

Application questions:

1. Why did Jesus only devote Himself to a handful of men?

2. What role does surrender play in evangelization? Explain.

3. What are you doing to work with men? How might you better follow Jesus' model in doing so?
