

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill
Selah Nurture Series

Session One – The Joy of Following Jesus: The Journey in Discipleship
Matthew 4:19

October 1, 2016
10:00 a.m. – Noon

I. The Meaning of being a Disciple

- What is a disciple?
- What qualifies someone to be a disciple?
- What are the characteristics of a disciple?

Matthew 4:18 - 20

(18) As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. (19) "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (20) At once they left their nets and followed him.

- A. The word "disciple" basically means – follower. Usually means a follower of a religious or spiritual leader or philosopher.
- B. A good working definition for a Christian disciple is: ***A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a life-long process of "dying" to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come "alive" in us.***
- C. What are the challenges people face in truly being a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- D. What are the challenges of finding joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ?

II. Video – God's Chisel

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. New Living Translation (NLT)

- If you were to be so bold as to echo Tommy's prayer for God to "do whatever it takes" to make you into the image of Jesus, what would God "chisel" first in your life?

- Why do we want to choose what God needs to fix in us instead of allowing God to fix what God feels we need to have fixed?
- What “tools” might God use to chisel away areas of your life that need to be reshaped or removed altogether?
- What do you think would be the most painful or uncomfortable thing about the chiseling process?
- Has there been a time when you felt like God was “chiseling” on your life? If so, describe it. If not, why do you think it has never happened to this point in your life?
- “God” in the skit stated “We would rather play God over certain areas in our lives instead of allowing God to be God over our whole lives.” Why would this be the case?
- Either we are moving towards God or away from God. We can’t stay where we are. Why can’t we just stay “right where we are”?
- I am God’s original masterpiece.

III. Discipling – B2D2B – We are to BE to DO to BE. Be disciples to do discipling to help others to be disciples.

IV. Second video – This is Discipleship.

V. Walking in Discipleship (on lower level of building)