

Matt 10:34-39

The Priority of the Disciple

1. Pleasure of Christ Over Pleasure of Family
2. Love of Christ Over Love of Family
3. Following Christ Over Following Pleasure
4. Finding Christ Over Finding Own Life

Big Idea: Christ is the priority of the disciple

Prop: 4 aspects of the priority of a true disciple

Distinctive 7: Focused

INTRO:

Remember when you fell in love with your spouse? All others are insignificant... your love is your priority, it also grows with relationship, which takes time, effort, and knowledge of the person

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1. Pleasure of Christ Over Pleasure of Family 34-36
 - V. 34
 - explain
 - **Is 9:6** – prince of peace
 - Ok 2:14 glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men...with whom he is well pleased
 - V. 21
 - Peace with God now, peace with man maybe
 - Gospel separates
 - **2 Tim 3:12** - Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted
 - V. 35-6
 - Division because of salvation
 - **Joseph** as an example
 - **Micah 7:1-7**
 - Seek the pleasure of Christ over the pleasure of family
2. Love of Christ Over Love of Family 37
 - Like marriage
 - **Lk 14:26** - If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

- **Gen 29:30-31** - So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years. When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.
- What is your greatest love?
- **1 Jn 4:15-21**
- In loving God we are freed to love others

3. Following Christ Over Following Pleasure 38

- To take cross and follow is to sacrifice own pursuits
- What the apostles were doing
- **16:21-28**
- **Rom 12:1** - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- **1 Co 10:31-11:1** –
- Who are you following?
- What is your pleasure?
 - Piper – God is most glorified when I am most satisfied in Him

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4. Finding Christ Over Finding Own Life 39

- **Gospel** – have you found Him?
- **Mk 8:34-8**
- Emphasize – 36-8
- Amazing grace
- **Eph 2:1-7, 10** and more 1:3-14; 4:1-6

Bring **Matt 6:21** to bear – if treasure family, heart is there and not on Christ

Distinctive 7: Focused

Focused on Christ – serving Him

Teachable, Commissioned, Instructed, Alert, Ready, Mature, Focused

Portrait – Stephanie Smith

Song – What Grace is Mine

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known

So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Saviour lives and reigns forevermore