

Benefits of Being a Disciple

Life Group Study Guide, December 3, 2017

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1. Read **Psalm 1:1-6**.

a. What are the key words or phrases that stand out to you that are benefits to you?

b. Verse 3 refers to a disciple "like a tree planted by streams of water." Why does the writer use a tree as a symbol of a disciple?

c. How has your life prospered as a disciple?

i. How has God used your God-given S.H.A.P.E.? (spiritual gifts, heart or passion, abilities, personality, experiences)

ii. What ministries has God led you into that caused you to prosper?

iii. What fruits has your life yielded as a disciple?

2. A significant part of the benefits of a disciple rest in the authority Christ has given us.

a. Read **Luke 9:1-6, 10**.

b. What did they do in reference to verse 10?

c. Read **Luke 10:1-11, 17-20**.

d. What was the impact of the authority given to the 72?

e. If you were one of the 72, how would you have felt?

3. Read **Matthew 28:16-20**.

a. Here's where the power of the church lies today. Our Lord has "*all authority in heaven and on earth*" and He has given authority to us to "*go*".

b. What does "*going*" in the authority of Christ look like in the church today?

c. What are the implications for us today in light of the Great Commission?

d. What thoughts/feelings does the Great Commission evoke in you?

e. What will you do with those thoughts/feelings?

4. Before closing, take time to pray for the disciples of *River Valley Community Church*.

Pray that all of us would fully embrace the benefits of being Christ's disciples so we can continue advancing the Kingdom of God in our community and world.

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