

**Answering The Call**

“The Real Deal”

Matthew 10

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Seven Marks Of A Real Disciple

**1. A Real Disciple Has** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.” Matthew 10:1 (NLT)*

*“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!” Matthew 10:8 (NLT)*

**2. A Real Disciple Has A** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: “Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost sheep. Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!” Matthew 10:5-8 (NLT)*

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**3. A Real Disciple** \_\_\_\_\_ **In God**

*“Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. Don’t carry a traveler’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed. Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. When you enter the home, give it your blessing.” Matthew 10:9-12 (NLT)*

**4. A Real Disciple Is** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. When you enter the home, give it your blessing. If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day. Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves.” Matthew 10:11-16 (NLT)*

**5. A Real Disciple Will Be \_\_\_\_\_**

*“But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me.” Matthew 10:17-18 (NLT)*

*“And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved” Matthew 10:22 (NLT)*

**6. A Real Disciple \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it. Matthew 10: 37-39 (NLT)*

**7. A Real Disciple Will Be \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”  
Matthew 10:40-42 (NLT)*

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss each of the seven marks of a real disciple and the implications of each one. Of the seven, which is the most challenging for you to embrace?
2. Read Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 14:25-27.
3. Jesus may not be asking you to sell all your possessions as a requirement to follow Him but He does want everything. What is it that you have had to let go of in order to follow Jesus fully? Is there anything in your life now that needs to be let go of?
4. A Real Disciple is on mission. As a group discuss the specific people, specific message, and specific task God has called you to. How does this relate to our purpose of Loving Jesus Fully and Transforming the City Completely?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:12. Have you experienced any form of persecution? If not, what does that mean? Share as a group any experiences you have faced.
6. Discuss some steps you will take this week to become The Real Deal. What will you do differently to fully embrace the life Jesus is calling you to?