

What does it mean to be a disciple?

Follow the instructions overleaf to discover truth for yourself!

John 17:13-23

(part of Jesus' prayer to God for His disciples)

- 13 "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.
- 14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.
- 16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- 20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
- 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one;
- 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me".

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- Mark:** With a cross mark all words referring to Jesus⁺ (I, My, Me, Myself, Us, We) starting with 'I' in verse 13.
- Mark:** With a triangle mark all words referring to God[△] (You, Your, Father, Us, We) starting with 'You' in verse 13.
- Reflect:** What do you learn about Jesus and God from where you have marked?
- Mark:** Read the passage again and underline all words referring to the disciples (they, themselves, them, their, these, those), starting with 'they' in verse 13.
- Reflect:** What do you learn about the disciples from where you have underlined? Sometimes it can become clearer if you write this out as a list.
- Who may be sanctified?
 - How?
- Mark:** Now circle every reference to the world
- Reflect:** What does Jesus want the world to know?
- Read:** Look at verse 20 again.
- Reflect:** Does Jesus' prayer apply to you?
- Insight:** Jesus prayed this prayer *before* He went to the cross.

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