

What are a disciple and DNA?

The call of Jesus is to come to Him, to follow Him and to be with Him. (Matthew 4:19; Mark 3:14; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23-25)

The primary focus of the call of Jesus is to be with Him and to love Him above anyone and anything. (Mark 3:14; Luke 14:25-33) He actually says who really loves Him (John 14:15, 21, 23) and who His friends are (John 15:14).

Jesus also says exactly who His disciples are (John 8:31; 13:34-35; 15:7-8; Luke 14:26, 27, 33) We can summarize by these words of Jesus that a disciple of Jesus is one who loves God supremely, loves others supernaturally, keeps His commands and has prayers that are answered because they abide in His word.

The process of Christ being formed in us happens as we keep His commands. His commands intersect with every situation and every aspect of life. Revelation comes as we keep His commands and abide in Him (John 14:21-23)

All of life is being a disciple; all of life is discipleship because loving Jesus, denying self, taking up our cross, and following Him is our foremost relationship and purpose in every area and sphere of life every day, all day. We are still disciples even if and when we are all alone. What makes us disciples is our relationship with Jesus. When we keep His commands and love Him more than anything or anyone, we are His disciples.

When we can be with other disciples, that is wonderful. But we still are and can be disciples even when we are alone and isolated.

DNA is an acronym for Discipleship - Nurture - Accountability. It is not in itself discipleship; it should be understood as a method supportive to discipleship. DNA is not mandatory, but it is very beneficial. DNA is not in the Bible, but it is the process the Spirit gave us in these days to help us be and make disciples.

DNA is a weekly meeting with fellow disciples for the specific purpose of edifying one another as we follow Jesus and keep His commands. We hold one another accountable to keep His commands as we encourage and edify one another. DNA can help us strengthen our personal, intimate relationship with Jesus, which is our primary and foremost purpose and goal in all we do.

We disciple others by teaching them to keep all that Jesus commanded. (Matthew 28:18-20) The Spirit gave us the process of being and making disciples by focusing on one command each week and pairing it with a Biblical story that illustrates the application of keeping that command. Although it is not prescribed in the Bible to do discipleship this specific way, it follows Jesus' way of using stories to convey His message, and it enables people to connect to the commandment and see how to apply it in their lives.