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TITLE: Conversion Without Discipleship? Why You Need Both

A person can profess to be a Christian and yet still live under the impression that they don't need to actually follow Jesus. Being a follower and disciple is seen as an optional add-on, not a requirement. It is a choice, not a demand. Being a Christian today, unfortunately, has little connection with the biblical idea that we are formed into the image and identity of Christ.

Here are 3 things to believe and consider about your own conversion and discipleship...

1. **The "gospel Americana" teaches that *conversion* is a first step that seals your fate in the afterlife and *discipleship* in this life is optional**. That is nowhere to be found in scripture! Jesus' disciples understood exactly what he meant when he said in Matthew 28, "Go and make disciples all over the world..."

2. **You'll never make a disciple from a non-discipleship gospel**. A gospel that does not include disciples making disciples, and all true Christians are disciples of Jesus, is actually a very truncated gospel and not really the gospel Jesus proclaimed and preached.

3. **The Bible never commands Christians (or anyone for that matter) to come into the church**–it commands Christians to GO... out of the church... and make disciples. If you have been discipled, are you making more disciples today? If you have never been discipled into a gospel that speaks into and touches all of life, the adventure awaits!

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