

**What Kind of Church?**  
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**Disciple = learner, pupil, apprentice, adherent, follower.**

**Christian is a *label*. Disciple is a *lifestyle*.**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

**Jesus came to unleash something *entirely new* into the world. He came to inaugurate a new movement.**

**Jesus also came to install a new covenant.**

**He came to instill a new commandment, a new ethos, a new *modus operandi* for his new movement, new covenant people.**

*“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.” (John 13:33)*

*A new command I give you: Love one another **as I have loved you**. (John 13:34)*

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)*

*...The Lord knows those who are his own... (2 Timothy 2:19)*

*...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you... (Matthew 28:20)*

“I suspect that one of the reasons why there are so many exhortations in the New Testament for Christians to love other Christians is because this is not an easy thing to do. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything else of that sort. Christians come together...because they have all been saved by Jesus Christ and owe him a common allegiance. In the light of this common allegiance, in the light of the fact that they have all been loved by Jesus himself, they commit themselves to doing what he says—and he commands them to love one another.”—Don Carson

Jesus was introducing a **one-another way of life**.

- Bear one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Speak truth to one another (Ephesians 4:25)

- Don't lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)
- Comfort one another with the hope of the resurrection (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- Encourage and build up one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Spur one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)

**Jesus' love *for* the people in the room, rather than His authority *over* the people in the room, is what He leveraged to instruct and inspire the people *in* the room.**

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)*

*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God. (John 13:3)*

*He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (John 13:4-5)*

*"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am." (John 13:13)*

*"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you **do** them." (John 13:14-17)*

**Jesus played to lose so the other team could win. Jesus played to lose so sinners like you and me could win.**

*"Follow me."*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35)*

**What kind of church are we? We're a Jesus-following, disciple-making, grace-receiving, grace-giving church that Jesus promised and that His resurrection makes a reality that is known by our love for one for another.**