

The Church Extended: Growing Disciples
Acts 18:23–19:10

A true Christian is a disciple whose life is wrapped up in pursuit of Jesus. Growing as a disciple is our most important pursuit. Four essentials for discipleship are portrayed in this passage:

I. Disciples need to be _____, v. 23.

Paul visited believers from his previous ministry to strengthen them through encouragement and correction.

- a. Our _____ **must be solid.**
- b. Our _____ **must be practical.**

II. Disciples need to be _____, vv. 24–28.

Apollos was fruitful in his ministry of preaching Jesus, but Aquila and Priscilla noticed his teaching and his faith was not quite right so they corrected him privately.

- a. Our _____ **doesn't make us right, v. 24–25.**
- b. We need _____, v. 26.
- c. We need _____, vv. 27–28.

III. Disciples need to be _____, vv. 1–7.

When Paul arrived in Ephesus he was met by some sincere Jews who did not fully understand the gospel. He shared it with them and they were baptized and received the Holy Spirit.

- a. We receive salvation through _____ in Jesus and _____, vv. 1–5.
- b. We need the _____ to enable us to walk with Jesus, v. 6.

IV. Disciples need to be _____, vv. 8–10.

Paul taught in the synagogue for three months until opposition caused him to stop, then used the hall of Tyrannus to teach believers daily for two years.

- a. Discipleship takes _____ and _____, vv. 8–10.
- b. Discipleship is a work of _____, v. 10

Main Idea: We mature as _____ by the knowledge of Jesus through His Word.

Have you become a _____ of Jesus?

Will you respond in faith like these 12 disciples, or be stubborn and continue in unbelief like many at the synagogue (v. 9)?

Are you getting to know Jesus better by learning His _____?

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16–17)

How can you help other _____ grow in their walk with God?

Can you find the time, place, and people to invest what has been entrusted to you?

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, [2] and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:1–2).