

## THE DISCIPLES CROSS SESSION 1B *PUTTING CHRIST FIRST*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

**John 15:5**

*“I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

JESUS DID NOT WANT HIS DISCIPLES TO OBEY HIM JUST TO BE GOOD; HE WANTED TO INVOLVE THEM IN HIS WORK HERE ON EARTH!

Distribute inventor sheet and ask members to write their name on the sheet, complete it and then keep it with them for the duration of the entire study.

Spend about three minutes reviewing what members learned the first week in “Spend Time with the Master.” Ask volunteers to summarize important points from last week. Then move on to questions listed below. REMEMBER: LOVE PRODUCES OBEDIENCE, AND OBEDIENCE PRODUCES FRUIT.

**OPTIONAL:** Ask members to draw a diamond on a sheet of paper with a vertical line inside the diamond from top to bottom. Then, ask members to check on another member’s work. If they have completed their work, draw a line from left to right inside the cross confirming their work.

1. Ask a volunteer by to name two things that are required to obey Christ’s commands today. (See p. 22 in the member book; *knowing them and doing them*).
2. Ask for volunteers to share their responses to the questions on page 26 of the member book. Ask, What would you do if Christ commanded you to the things listed here?
3. Ask, As weak as most of us are, is it possible for us to obey and follow Christ? Use Philippians 2:13 and John 15:5 to help members see that Christ provides us with the willingness and the ability to live the life of a disciple.
4. Ask members to voice a prayer asking God to help group members make Christ the center of their lives.

**OPTIONAL:** Have a volunteer read the passage **Matthew 26:47-56**. Discuss “*What God said to me*” and “*What I said to God.*”

*“It is God who works in you to will and act according to his good purpose.”* **Philippians 2:13**

**REMINDE MEMBERS:** This week’s assignment is session two, days one through three. Also remind members to begin their Scripture memory verse: John 8:31,32.

**BE PERSISTENT UNTIL YOU ARE CONSISTENT**