Text: John 21:15-23; Matthew 10:37-39 Topics: Disciple, Following Jesus, Love Series: Building Families God's Way Monroe Bible Church September 9, 2018 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

What is a Disciple?

I. A Follower's Heart (John 21:15-17)

A follower of Jesus *loves Him* more than *anyone* else.

II. A Follower's Head (John 21:18-23)

A follower of Jesus *listens* to *Him* more than *anyone* else.

III. A Follower's Hands & Feet (Matthew 10:37-39)

A follower of Jesus <u>leaves</u> more for <u>Him</u> than for <u>anything</u> else.

A follower of Jesus lives a life of *surrender* to the *Savior*.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. Do you think the words Christian, disciple, and Christ-follower, have different connotations? Explain your answer. Which would you prefer to be called?
- 2. What examples of good and bad fruit in a person's life does Jesus use in Luke 6:39-49? What is the determining factor of the fruit? (v. 45)

How do you tend to this determining factor in your life?

3. Read Revelation 2:1-5. What did Jesus commend, and what did Jesus condemn, in His message to the church in Ephesus?

Think about your life in relation to what Jesus condemned the Ephesus church. What would Jesus say to you? What would He want you to do? Be specific.

4. What does Jesus point out as something that distinguishes His followers from those who aren't in John 8:43, 47? See also John 10:16, 27 and 18:37.

How well do you listen to God? How do you listen, and hear, from Him?

5. Read Luke 9:23-26. What does Jesus say is necessary to truly follow Him? Why does Jesus say the cost would be worth it?

In what ways does your life show you are doing this? How might Jesus help you to better follow Him?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?