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## Living On Purpose, Part 2: Are You A Disciple? John 8:31-36

## Village Bible Church glorifies God by making <u>disciples</u> who become growing and serving followers of Jesus Christ.

Review: <u>Pastor Mark's armchair definition of glorify God</u>: *Purposefully live such that God looks good through you.* 

Biblically a *disciple* is a "sliding scale term" referring to a person <u>anywhere</u> along the process of *learning* from & *following* Jesus.

The Discipleship Two-Step:

- 1. What is one step of spiritual *growth* to take?
- 2. What is one step of *service* to take?

Spiritual transformation cannot be orchestrated or controlled, but neither is it a random venture. It is unlikely that we will deepen our relationship with God in a casual or haphazard manner. There will be need for some intentional commitment and reorganization in our own lives. –John Ortberg