***Go . . . make disciples . . . teach them to observe all that I commanded you.***

***Matt. 28:18–20***

Read the introduction to the subject and the scriptures. Consider the primary emphasis and the context in which it is presented. Then, answer the questions.

**1)** There is a biblical way to become Jesus’ follower. Receive Him as the Lord (in charge) of your life and trust Him. Faith in His name has power to save you. This requires repenting of your own ways and being spiritually reborn as God’s child.

***John 1:9–13; John 3:3; John 10:7–10; Mark 1:14–17***

 a) Summarize these Scriptures in one sentence.

 b) Record the circumstances of when you gave your life to Jesus’ lordship.

**2)** Only committed disciples of Jesus who hear and understand His words are motivated to obey His commands. A disciple is one who commits to follow another’s teaching and imitates it.

***Matthew 13:10-23; John 7:15-18***

 a) In these levels of commitment which describes me best?

 b) How do I personally know that I am His disciple?

 c) When I study the Bible, do I often believe God is speaking to me personally?

 d) Am I willing to study the commands and practice them?

**3)** In our own understanding, we cannot fully accept the commands as they apply to us. It is only by the Holy Spirit’s revelation that they become directive for our lives.

***John 14:16-17; John 16:12-15***

 a) Summarize the Holy Spirit’s part in my spiritual life in one sentence.

b) List some times I was directed to do or not do something by the Holy Spirit’s revelation.

 c) List some times when I obeyed and things went well.

 d) List some times when I didn’t obey and wished that I had.

**4)** To observe Jesus’ commands is not to make a “to do” list. Some of His commands are not possible for us, as broken humans, to keep in our own strength. That is why we are given the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Acts 1:4-9***

a) In one sentence describe the power you receive when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

 b) What were some situations when I saw His supernatural hand in action?

c) Are there situations in my life now that I’m hesitant to entrust to the Lord and/or to act on?

**5)** Jesus said the first and foremost commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. Therefore, this should be first and foremost for us. One of the ways we show our love for Him is by our obedience. Another way is to worship Him. Love can only be shown by action.

***Matthew 22:35–38; John 14:21–23; John 4:23–24***

 a) In what ways do I show my love for God in “spirit and truth”?

b) In what ways do I show my love and gratitude for the mercy and grace I receive from Jesus?

c) In what ways do I show my appreciation for the presence and help of the Holy Spirit?

**6)** The only way we can know what Jesus wants us to do is to have a consistent, personal relationship with Him.

***John 15:4-11***

 a) What does abiding in Jesus look like in my life?

 b) How consistently am I spending my time in abiding?

**7)** What specific action steps can I now take to become a more obedient disciple of His as a result of this study?