The Bible teaches that we are chosen by God to be Disciples of Jesus. We are sanctified and set apart from our old way of life for God’s purposes.

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) The goal is to become more like Jesus. The maturing process involves a gradual transformation of our character from the inside out. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in us--as we yield to His disciplines.

***John 17:6-26, 2 Peter 1:1-11***

 a) Describe what these powerful verses say to me personally.

 b) Describe what the words ”transformation” and “sanctification” mean to me.

2) Jesus commanded His Followers to be like Him and to do what He did.

 ***Matthew 5:13-16, 20:25-28, Luke 6:36-40, John 13:12-17***

 a) Describe what these powerful verses say to me personally.

 b) What are some examples of times when I served others in these ways?

c) Of the service opportunities open to me personally, which one(s) connect with these scriptures?

3) We are blessed when we live like Jesus.

 ***Matthew 5:1-12***

 a) Which of the beatitudes are not natural for me?

 b) Explain how being poor in spirit, or in mourning, could be a blessing.

c) Explain how being insulted and persecuted because of righteousness could be a blessing.

4) When we are set apart from the world’s attractions and from our old way of life we are transformed as we make choices in favor of God’s purpose for us.

***Romans 12:1-3, Ephesians 3:14-21***

 a) This process sounds pretty drastic. Am I willing?

 b) What am I doing now that doesn’t glorify Jesus?

 c) What practices and resources would help me grow?

 d) Who would I want to share my weaknesses with to help me overcome them?

5) As we live by the Word of God, we will become more obedient and useful as servants for God’s Kingdom..

***Matthew 4:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Psalm 119***

 a) In what ways has studying the Bible changed the way I live?

6) An eternal perspective will determine our priorities that shape our practices.

 ***Matthew 16:24-27, John 6:26-29, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10***

 a) Do I give much thought to Heaven’s great rewards?

 b) Do I give much thought to answering to Jesus for what I have done?

 c) What would help me live with an eternal perspective?

7) What practical steps can I take to allow the Holy Spirit to begin to change me?