**Everyday Disciple** *(Graphic)*

(Matthew 7:21)

“**Not everyone** who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.”

(Matthew 7:22)

“**Many** will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive our demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘**I never knew you.** Away from me, you evildoers!’”

**The problem**: Christian Nominalism

**The solution:** Christian Discipleship

**Disciple:** *to follow, to let another lead, to become a learner*

* **Aorist active imperative tense**. \*\*\*Slide in two parts: Disciple first, 3 bullets second\*\*\*
* Imperative: “command”
* Aorist active: “action without end”

(Matthew 28:19-20)

“Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

(Matthew 16:24-25)

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and **take up their cross** and **follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me **will find it**.”

Jesus didn’t come to make our normal, selfish, sinful lives a little better. **He came to radically transform life as we know it**.

**The Essential Starting Point**

1. Discipleship begins with a genuine response to the invitation to follow Jesus.
2. Such a response requires admitting you’ve failed and turning away from evil.
3. Follow Jesus means to let him lead.
4. A sign of this new life is going public before others with baptism.