

**Theme 5, Appendix 3:
DISCIPLESHIP:
What Does the Term Discipleship Mean?**



"Following someone or some ideal"

Christianity is a lifestyle. It demands knowledge and behaviour. We know what is right and we try to do what is right.

A disciple means, *"Following someone or some ideal"*.

There are 3 aspects to discipleship (positive and negative):

FOLLOWER	DISCIPLINE	BELIEVER
The POSITIVE aspect refers to someone who wants to be like others, is involved, and is chosen.	The POSITIVE aspect refers to someone who is in control, follows the rules using their conscience.	The POSITIVE aspect refers to someone who understands what the meaning behind the words is. The person will go beyond what can be proven, because of trust and faith.
The NEGATIVE aspect of this word refers to someone who blindly follows. They don't make their own choices or decisions.	The NEGATIVE aspect of this word refers to someone who submits to the discipline laid out before him or her even if the situation is unjust.	The NEGATIVE aspect refers to someone who doesn't think with his or her head and heart.

Service to others is the key of being a follower of Jesus. Being a follower of Jesus involves risk. Sometimes society reacts negatively when you do what Jesus asks of you.