

## **PENTECOST 4: DISCIPLESHIP TYPES**

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### **MATTHEW 10:40-42**

In this Pentecost season, Jesus emphasizes discipleship. We have begun with the empowerment of Jesus at Pentecost to the full grace of God at Trinity to discipleship beginnings, then to discipleship warnings and now today, discipleship types. Our question for today is what kind of a disciple are you?

Type 1: Plain old discipleship/just you and me discipleship/mom and pop discipleship. You don't have to have a title or a degree or money or fame to be this kind of disciple. Are you a follower of Jesus? Are you friendly, kind, a good neighbor, a good friend, hard working and a believer in Jesus? That's the most common type of discipleship.

Type 2: Being a prophet. The Old Testament prophet would remind the public and the King about God and what discipleship means. A prophet lived inside of both faith and justice and the prophet expressed the causes for justice which the prophet equated with the causes of God.

Type 3: A righteous man/woman. This is a person with a large conscience. A righteous person tries to live and do what they feel is right. The righteous person may have to adjust throughout life but does so because their life situations change and they believe that God is directing them accordingly. The righteous person is not afraid to confront an unrighteous person. Silence is complicity.

Type 4: Those who care for children. A disciple always cares for children. You receive a child, you educate a child, you teach kindness, you give food, you give cold cups of water. Care of children is a requirement of all disciples.

So, which of the four types of discipleship describes you? Are you more than one? These are not static, permanent descriptions. God calls continuously. Disciples adjust and follow.

Prayer: O God, direct our lives by your grace and may your words of love, mercy, kindness and justice reshape the world. Mold us into a people who are receptive to your Word and teach us to serve one another. Help us to make disciples of all nations. Amen.