

THE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

Emerald Bible Fellowship exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the gospel in dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

The means by which we make disciples is proclaiming the worthiness of God in the gospel which is in accordance with the Scriptures (Romans 1:16; Matthew 28:18-20). As He is proclaimed, our hearts become and more and more satisfied in who He is and what He has done for us, wanting to follow His Word and become more like Him. The **distinguishing marks** of this deep satisfaction are summarized in the following five characteristics:

1. We worship Him above everything else

- a. Talking about the greatness of God (Acts 4:20)
- b. Participating in worship and mutual edification to worship on Sunday mornings (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- c. Pursuing regular times of personal devotion of Him (Mark 1:35)

2. We humbly serve Him by living according to His Word

- a. Reading and meditating on the Scriptures regularly (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- b. Obeying Him in every aspect of life (John 14:21)

3. We point others to Jesus, God's Son, as the hope of the world

- a. Speaking the gospel clearly (Romans 1:16)
- b. Sharing with others about God's work in our lives (1 Peter 3:15)

4. We love people well, desiring to see them flourish in Christ

- a. Demonstrating hospitality (Hebrews 13:1-2)
- b. Generously giving our resources for their good (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
- c. Making time for people and fellowship (Philippians 2:1-4)

5. We rely more and more on His Spirit's power to accomplish His good purposes in us and through us

- a. Recognizing and confessing weakness and sin (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- b. Asking for the Spirit's fullness and strength through the day (Ephesians 5:18-19)
- c. Asking God to do what we cannot (Ephesians 3:20-21)

These are the **marks** of gospel-centered disciples of Jesus, which He said would be evident in His followers and, as a result, will glorify God.