

Christian Discipleship

Many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of Christian discipleship. We feel vaguely unworthy, as though discipleship is meant for 'holy people'. Below is a table listing some common objections people have. You must do the following:

Copy and complete the table.

For each objection, try to draw a picture/symbol/image that will sum it up.

Write an answer to the objections.

The first is done in full for you.

The others I have helped you by adding questions as hints.

You must make up your own answers using these to guide you.

Make sure your answer is in full.

Make up two of your own objections and try to answer them.

Objection	Symbol or picture representing objection	Answer to objection
But I can't give up all my money and possessions		<p style="text-align: center;">Sample Answer</p> <p>It is not money and possessions you must give up, rather it is the <i>love</i> of money and possessions that must be left behind. Christ must come first. If <i>attachment</i> to wealth gets in the way then we must be willing to <i>detach</i> ourselves from this in order better to follow Christ.</p>
But I've got a family to support and a living to earn ...		Hint: Are we always called to give up our jobs? Can we be a disciple of Christ and have a family? What about Martha, Mary and Lazarus?
But I'm not cut out to be a disciple ...		Hint: We are all called to serve; there's no such thing as a typical disciple.

<p>But I'm not really that holy ...</p>		<p>Hint: What is meant by holiness? Jesus saw <i>qualities</i> in people - he didn't choose 'finished products'. Disciple means 'one who learns'.</p>
<p>But I'm afraid I won't be able to rely on myself to be faithful ...</p>		<p>Hint: Should we rely on ourselves. St Augustine's prayer is: <i>Command, Lord, what you will, and enable what you command.</i> What does this mean?</p>