

# Definition of a Disciple Summary

## **Grounding:** COME AND SEE – Level 1 & 2

1. Is introduced to and develops a sincere interest in Jesus and spiritual things. John 6:44
2. Hears the Good News and becomes convinced that Jesus is God. John 20:31
3. Accepts Jesus as His/Her Personal Savior. John 3:16
4. Identifies publicly with Jesus and is baptized. Romans 6:4
5. Worships God, personally and publicly, experiencing the power of God. Hebrews 13:15
6. Rejoices in and learns about his/her new life in Christ by joining with other believers (the Body of Christ). Hebrews 10:24-25
7. Experiences assurance of salvation, a change in self-perception and identity as a beloved child of God, as he/she comes to know the glorious new life of power and joy prepared for him/her in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17
8. Is introduced to the person of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13
9. Desires to learn and grow in God's Word—the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
10. Establishes the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. 1 Peter 2:2-3
11. Experiences a sincere yearning and love for God and is eager to share and express this love. 1 John 4:19

## **Growing:** FOLLOW ME

1. Participates as an effective member in the Body of Christ. Romans 12:4-5
2. Walks in righteousness. Romans 6:22
3. Spends time with a disciple maker and learns how to share the gospel. Matthew 4:19
4. Learns to live controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:9
5. Begins to exhibit godly character and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 6:16
6. Practices spiritual disciplines of worship, Bible study, prayer, fellowship, witnessing, giving and serving. Colossians 3:6-7
7. Demonstrates the truth, spirit and power of the Lord's Prayer. Matthew 6:9-13
8. Experiences the supernatural power of God. 2 Peter 1:3
9. Desires to be involved in ministry and ministry training. Colossians 3:23-24

## **Going:** BE WITH ME

1. Correctly handles and teaches God's Word—the Bible. 2 Timothy 2:15
2. Has a proper view of money and material possessions Hebrews 13:5
3. Understands the reason for and use of spiritual gifts in the church. 1 Corinthians 12:7
4. Consistently practices basic Christian disciplines while adding new ones. John 8:31
5. Continues in ministry with a godly mindset. 1 Timothy 4:16
6. Continues in effective outreach as a laborer in the harvest fields. Matthew 9:36-38
7. Maintains Christ-honoring relationships with family, the local church, other believers & non-believers. John 13:35
8. Multiplies oneself by modelling and apprenticing others in ministry. 2 Timothy 2:2
9. Engages in spiritual battle and exercising spiritual authority. 1 Corinthians 4:2
10. A disciple is willing to suffer, lose all, or die for Christ's sake. Luke 14:27

## **Guiding:** REMAIN IN ME

1. Serves faithfully on earth with a heart longing for heaven and Christ's return. Philippians 3:20
2. Pursues a deeper understanding of the character of God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Revelation 17:14
3. Submits fully to Lordship of Christ. John 20:29
4. Leads in unifying the Body of Christ. John 17:21
5. Defends the faith in key matters of doctrine. 1 Peter 3:15
6. Has developed an intimate knowledge of God resulting in praise and adoration. Philippians 2:9-11
7. Trains disciples and emerging leaders for spiritual growth and ministry, training others to train others. Matthew 28:19

# Detailed Definition of a Disciple

As a discipling church, we affirm that we are committed to following Christ Jesus in obedience to His Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). A disciple is a believer who is in the process of becoming more like Christ: displaying His character, daily living out His values and disciplines, answering Christ's call to a life of service to others. Just as new born babies grow into childhood, youth and adulthood, Christians should experience a natural development of growing from one phases of maturity to the next. At Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free we see discipleship as the processes of Christians becoming **Grounded** in Christ, **Growing** in Christ and **Going** for Christ. The following Detailed Definition of a Disciple provides a sequential outline of our process and the transformational indicators from the phases of Jesus' ministry described in the Gospels with a correlation of Scriptures throughout the New Testament.

## Grounded in Christ: (COME AND SEE – Levels 1 & 2)

General description: A disciple who has completed this phase has come to understand that Jesus Christ is God and has accepted Him as his/her personal Savior. They have gained assurance of salvation and a basic understanding of the Bible and foundational beliefs of Christianity. They have given testimony of their faith in Christ by being publicly baptized and regularly participate in personal and public worship and have connected in vital relationship with other Christians in the context of a small group and other fellowship opportunities beyond public worship.

Major Intent: To introduce a non-believer to Jesus Christ, guide them through the process of accepting Jesus as their personal Savior, connecting in the fellowship of the local church and learning the basic truths of the faith.

Duration: 4 - 24 months or longer, depending on the point from which the person begins.

### Disciple's Involvement:

- Asks questions, seeking truth.
- Sees personal spiritual need.
- Attends public worship.
- Begin personal Bible reading and prayer.
- Connects in vital fellowship with other believers
- Serves, but does not lead.

Commitment: Moves from doubt to faith, from hesitant, casual or no participation to regular personal and public worship and to connecting with other Christ followers in vital fellowship and the intimacy of a small group.

### Distinctives:

- Starts with Low commitment and strong emphasis on attraction.
- Comes to believe in and personally accepts Jesus Christ as the Son of God.
- Has the assurance of salvation
- Worships: publicly and personally. Has a hunger to continue to learn and grow in God's Word
- Understands basic Christian doctrine
- Is beginning to exhibit basic Christian behaviors
- Has connected in vital relationship with fellow believers by participating in a small group.

### Ministries:

- Worship Celebration services.
- Invitation Events: examples may include Waffle Breakfast
- Outreach Groups: The Alpha Course is a good example where the majority of the participants are unchurched.
- Support and Recovery Groups: Celebrate Recovery, Divorce Care, Grief Recovery, etc.
- Mid-Sized Groups: examples include Adult Bible Fellowships, Men's Fraternity and Women's Bible Study Fellowship.

- Open Small Groups: six-week starter groups for couples, men or women that meet away from church and seek to continue until members are ready to go to a deeper and longer-termed commitment.

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Transformational Indicators: By the end of this phase a disciple

**1. Is introduced to and develops a sincere interest in Jesus and spiritual things.**

*KEY VERSE: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him..." John 6:44*

- Accepts invitations to socialize and go places with Christian friends. (John 2:1,12)
- Is introduced to and becomes interested in Jesus. (John 1:39,45; 2:12)
- Chooses to come, see and learn more about Jesus. (Luke 5:10-11; 5:27-28; Matthew 4:19)

**2. Hears the Good News and becomes convinced that Jesus is God.**

*KEY VERSE: "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31*

- Recognizes Jesus as Messiah – the fulfillment of prophecy. (John 1:45; Luke 4:16-21)
- Recognizes the uniqueness of Jesus as the Son of God. (John 1:34; Matthew 3:16-17)
- Recognizes Jesus' supernatural insights, power, authority and miracles. (John 2:1-11; 4:50-54; 3:2, 34-35)
- Recognizes Jesus' claims concerning who He is. (John 10:30; 14:6)
- Acknowledges Jesus rose from the dead. (Acts 2:32-33; 3:15)
- Believes that Jesus created all things in heaven and on earth; He holds all things together. (Colossians 1:15-17)

**3. Accepts Jesus as His/Her personal Savior.**

*KEY VERSE: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16*

- Is aware of personal sinfulness and need for a Savior. (Romans 3:22-26; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 1:5)
- Confesses his/her sin. (Acts 19:18)
- Repents of his/her sins. (Luke 13:3; Romans 2:4; James 4: 8-9; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 2:38; 17:30; Revelation 2:5, 16, 22, 3:3, 9:20-21)
- A disciple knows Jesus has authority to forgive sins. (Mark 2:10)
- A disciple receives Christ's forgiveness -no matter how great the sin- and repents and leaves that sinful life. (John 8:11)
- Recognizes that Jesus came to take away the sins of the world. (John 1:29; 1:36)
- Confesses that Jesus is God's Son. (1 John 2:23; 4:15)
- Recognizes that eternal life is found only through belief in Jesus. (Acts 4:12; John 3:15-18,35; 14:6, 1 John 5:11; 2 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 9:15)
- Sees that Jesus does not bring condemnation but God's love and forgiveness of sins. (John 3:15-18)
- Recognizes that Jesus Christ died for our sins and reconciles us to relationship with God. (Romans 5:6-11)
- Realizes salvation is by faith alone. (Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16)

**4. Identifies publicly with Jesus and is baptized.**

*KEY VERSE: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6: 4*

- Is publicly baptized. (Acts 2:38; 8:12, 36; 9:18; 16:33; 18:8; 19:5; John 4:1)

**5. Worships God, personally and publicly, experiencing the power of God.**

*KEY VERSE: "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name." Hebrews 13:15*

- Worships Jesus, praises God, personally and publicly rejoices and shows gratitude to God for all He has done. (John 9:38; Philippians 4:6; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Hebrews 12:28; 13:15; 10:24)

- Sees the supernatural acts of God and receives the witness of Jesus' miracles as proof of His deity. (John 2:23; 4:53; 10:38)
  - Meets regularly for worship and partakes of the Lord's Supper reverently in memory of Him. (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 11:20-29)
6. **Rejoices in and learns about his/her new life in Christ by joining with other believers (the Body of Christ).**  
*KEY VERSE: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25*
- Seeks to meet the needs of other disciples. (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-36)
  - Realizes the need to associate with believers of good character. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
  - Desires teaching from God's Word, fellowship, and prayer with other believers. (Acts 2:42)
  - Hears someone model simple communication with God in prayer. (Acts 2:42)
  - If sick, asks others to pray for him/her (calls for the Elders). (James 5:14)
7. **Experiences assurance of salvation, a change in self-perception and identity as a beloved child of God, as he/she comes to know the glorious new life of power and joy prepared for him/her in Christ.**  
*KEY VERSE: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*
- Knows that faith in Jesus results in eternal life. (John. 11:25)
  - Recognizes he/she is born anew, born of God - a spiritual rebirth. (John 3:3,5)
  - Acknowledges self as a child of God and receives His inheritance. (Romans 8, 16,17; 1 Corinthians 31,16; Galatians 4:6,7)
  - Becomes aware God's truth will set him/her free. (John 8:32)
  - Believes Christ has made them a partaker of the divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4)
  - Understands God is working in them according to His good purposes. (Philippians 2:12)
  - Is learning to identify God's blessings, grace, and kindness. (Ephesians 2:7)
8. **Is introduced to the person of the Holy Spirit.**  
*KEY VERSE: "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." Ephesians 1:13*
- Receives the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:5; 2:38; 8:14-17; 9:17; 10:44-48; Luke 11:13)
  - Recognizes that the indwelling Holy Spirit is a deposit, guaranteeing our eternal dwelling with God. (2 Corinthians 5:5)
  - Knows we receive the Holy Spirit by faith, not works, as soon as we believe. (Galatians 3:2)
  - Realizes we witness for Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)
  - Believes the Holy Spirit is our Counselor who will teach, strengthen and encourage us. (John 14:26; Acts 9:31)
9. **Desires to learn and grow in God's Word—the Bible.**  
*KEY VERSE: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- Receives the Bible as God's Word and not man's. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
  - Learns that faith comes from hearing God's Word. (Romans 10:17)
  - Sees we show love for Jesus by keeping His commandments. (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3-4)
  - Realizes the believer grows by the Word of God effectively working in him/her. (Hebrews 4:12)
  - Is ready and eager to learn and apply God's Word. (Acts 2:42; 1 Peter 2:2)
  - Recognizes the Gospel is a revelation from God--holds fast to its truth. (Galatians 1:12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8)
  - Is exposed to some truth may not be understand until later. (John 2:18-22)
  - Has experienced an introduction to the Bible and a "Bible walk-through" level Bible survey.
    - a. The Bible's inspiration and divine origin. (2Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)
    - b. The Bible's inerrancy. (Matthew 5:17; Mt. 22:31-32; John 10:35; Galatians 3:16)

- c. A brief survey of the life of Christ
- d. A brief overview of the four Gospels and the phases of discipling
- e. A basic level study of key books of the bible such as John, Galatians, and Genesis.
- f. A disciple seeks to know truth from error. (Ephesians 4:14)
- g. A disciple guards against legalism and heresy. (Philippians 3:2)
- h. A defense against heresy by reading and knowing God's word. (Jude 17)

**10. Establishes the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith.**

*KEY VERSE: "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 Peter 2:2-3*

- **Regarding God:**

- a. God exists. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19; John 1:1; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 1:19-20)
- b. God is the supreme supernatural Spirit. (John 4:24)
- c. God exists as a Trinity. (Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 6:8; John 6:27; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:3-4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- d. He created all things. (Ephesians 3:9)
- e. He never tempts the believer. (James 1:13)
- f. The attributes of God :
  - 1. Simplicity- He is indivisible, (John 4:24)
  - 2. Unity- He is one, (Deuteronomy 6:4)
  - 3. Infinity- He is without end, (Revelations 22:13; Exodus 3:14)
  - 4. Eternity- Free from Succession of time, (Psalms 90:2)
  - 5. Immutability- unchangeable, (James 1:17)
  - 6. Omnipresence- (Psalm 139:7-12)
  - 7. Sovereignty- He is the supreme ruler, (Ephesians 1:8)
  - 8. Omniscience- All knowing, (Matthew 11:21)
  - 9. Omnipotence- All powerful, (Revelation 19:6)
  - 10. Justice- morally fair, (Acts 17:31)
  - 11. Love- He seeks the unconditional best for others within the constraints of His attributes and the established laws and decrees of creation, (Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 4:8)
  - 12. Truth- He is consistent with Himself, (all that is real) (John 14:6)
  - 13. Freedom- He is independent from all of creation, (Isaiah 40:13-14)
  - 14. Holiness- He is totally separate from sin, (1 John 1:5)

- **Regarding Jesus:**

- a. Jesus is God, equal in every aspect of divinity to the Father and the Holy Spirit. (Hebrews 1:8; John 1:1-2; 8:58; Philippians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19)
- b. Jesus was incarnated totally human in every way, (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:16; 1 John 1:1; Galatians 4:4)
- c. Jesus is the Messiah. (John 1:41,49,50; 2:11; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:25-27)
- d. Jesus has supernatural power. (John 2:23; 3:2; 4:19; 4:53)
- e. Jesus paid for our sins. (Galatians 1:4; 3:13; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 10:14; Revelation 22:17)
- f. Jesus rose from the dead. (Acts 3:15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
- g. Jesus ascended into heaven, (Acts 1:9-11)
- h. Jesus presently intercedes for the saints, (Hebrews 7:25)
- i. Jesus will return to earth in God's timing to restore all things and to reign forever, (Matthew 24: 30-39; Acts 3:20-21; Revelation 11:15; Daniel 7:14)

- **Regarding Salvation:**

- a. The gospel is a revelation from God. (Galatians 1:12)
- b. Is aware of their sinfulness. (Luke 5:4-9)
- c. Before salvation, we were spiritually dead, followed Satan, and were under God's wrath, condemned to spiritual death as the wages of sin. (Ephesians 2:2-3; Romans 3:23; 6:23)

- d. Jesus died in our place (as our substitute) to pay our entire debt to God and freely provide salvation. (Matthew 20:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:24-26)
- e. God saved us because God loves us. (Ephesians 2:4; Romans 1:7)
- f. Jesus' death rescued us from sin. (Galatians 1:4)
- g. Jesus is the only way of salvation. (Acts 4:12; John 14:6)
- h. Salvation is by faith alone. (Romans 4:5; 9:32; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 3:16; Galatians 2:15; Acts 15:11)
- i. Absolutely no work that man does contributes at all to gaining salvation. (Hebrews 10:18)
- j. At salvation, the believer died with Christ and now, by faith, Christ lives His life through the believer. (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:1-7)
- k. No one is saved by keeping the law. (Galatians 2:15; 3:11,18; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- l. We inherit the blessing of Abraham (salvation and reward) by faith. (Galatians 3:18)
- m. At salvation, we inherit every blessing given to Christ. (Ephesians 2:6)
- n. We can have assurance of salvation and eternal reward. (Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 5:11-13)
- o. Joyfully realizes that nothing can separate us from God's love. (Romans 8:38-39)
- p. The gospel reveals that righteousness comes from God by faith. (Romans 1:17)
- **Regarding the Holy Spirit:**
  - a. We receive the Holy Spirit the moment we believe. (Acts 2:38; 8:17)
  - b. We receive the Holy Spirit by faith, not good works. (Galatians 3:2)
  - c. We receive spiritual gifts at the moment of salvation to be used to serve the rest of the Body of Christ. (Acts 19:6; 1 Corinthians 12:1)
  - d. We experience the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (1 John 4:13)
- **Regarding the Christian Life:**
  - a. We need to be repentant of sin and live for God. (Acts 2:38)
  - b. We are created by God to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)
  - c. We must seek to "grow-up" spiritually and know truth from error. (Ephesians 4:14)
- **Regarding the Here-After:**
  - a. Jesus will return to earth at the time God has chosen to restore all things. (Acts 3:21)
  - b. God's will is for Christ to rule over all creation. (Ephesians 1:10)
  - c. We will inherit all God's blessings, grace, and kindness. (Ephesians 2:7)
  - d. We will reign with Christ in heaven. (Ephesians 2:6)
  - e. Is sure of everlasting life. (John 3:16; 3:36; 1 John 5:11-13)

#### 11. Experiences a sincere yearning and love for God and is eager to share and express this love.

*KEY VERSE: "We love Him because He first loved us" 1 John 4:19*

- Seeks to grow spiritually. (Ephesians 4:14,15; 1 Peter 2:2)
- Begins to serve in ministry under the guidance of a mentor. (John 4:2; Matthew 14:17-29)
- Invites people to learn about Jesus. (John 1:41; 4:35-39; Matthew 9: 10)
- Shares his/her personal testimony and faith with others. (John 1:41; 4:29, 39)

### Growing: (FOLLOW ME)

General description: A disciple who has completed this phase has become a "fisher of men," being intentional in winning and building disciples. They have developed many basic Christian habits, learned their spiritual gifts and are ready to lead or serve in ministry. They prioritize obedience to Christ above all else, even if suffering is necessary!

Major Intent: To establish the believer as a disciple and as a witness for Christ in a lost and hurting world.

- Train believers as faithful witnesses of Christ.
- Establish basic character and build habits of Christian living.
- Prepare faithful followers to serve or lead according to their giftedness.

Duration: 12 - 24 months.

Disciple's Involvement:

- Listens and learns from the mentoring and coaching of the discipler.
- Assists in ministry, but does not lead.

Commitment: Loyal to Jesus Christ and His church; willing to be accountable to a group or an individual for spiritual growth and training. Commitment enough to willingly suffer in order and to be fruitful in ongoing ministry themselves.

Distinctives:

- Heightened commitment.
- Focus on basic habits and character that require intimacy with and accountability to a discipler.
- Shift from interest in ministry to involvement in ministry.
- Strong emphasis on training for outreach.

Ministries:

- T.I.P. (Prayer, Care, and Share) Outreach: a whole-church approach to evangelism that allows every member to be a Teller, Inviter and/or Prayer for those God has placed within their circle.
- Closed Accountability Small Groups: Impact Groups are what we call these "Follow Me" level groups.

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Transformational Indicators: By the end of the Follow Me phase a disciple

**1. Participates as an effective member in the Body of Christ.**

*KEY VERSE: "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:4-5*

- Is lovingly devoted to other Christians. (Romans 12:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3)
- Supports other Christians in becoming mature disciples. (Ephesians 4:13)
- Regularly meets with other Christians for mutual encouragement in spiritual growth. (Hebrews 10:25)
- Willing to be mutually accountable with other believers. (James 5:16)
- Stands unified with other Christians in preserving and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:27)
- Learns the difference between following God's laws and following the rules of men. (Matthew 12:1-8)
- Obeys the godly decisions of their church leaders. (Acts 16:4)

**2. Walks in righteousness.**

*KEY VERSE: "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." Romans 6:22*

- Renounces sinful living and seeks to live righteously. (Romans 6:11-23)
- Responds to the call to be holy. (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- Practices a sexually moral lifestyle. (1 Corinthians 6:18)
- Is becoming conformed to the will of God rather than the pattern of this world. (Romans 12:1-2)
- Returns good for evil. (1 Peter 3:9)
- Resists the devil. (James 4:7)
- Keeps God's commandments. (1 Corinthians 7:19)
- Learns to stand firm in temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
- Confesses sin and receives God's forgiveness and healing. (1 John 1:9)
- Does not initiate divorce or separation for selfish or sinful reasons. (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)
- Recognizes the principle of sowing and reaping; sowing to the sinful nature reaps destruction; sowing to the Spirit reaps eternal life. (Galatians 6:7-8)

**3. Spends time with a disciple maker and learns how to share the gospel.**

*KEY VERSE: "...then He said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:19*

- Spends time with non-believers seeking to evangelize them. Mk. 2:17
  - When trained spreads God's truth everywhere. Acts 19:10
4. **Learns to live controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**  
*KEY VERSE: "You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." Romans 8:9*
- Learns about the indwelling life of Christ. (Colossians 1:27; Romans 4:21)
  - Learns to live by the Spirit and not the sinful nature. (Galatians 5:16)
  - Realizes that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
  - Relies on the Holy Spirit to be empowered for witnessing. (Acts 1:8)
  - Keeps in step with the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25)
5. **Begins to exhibit godly character and the fruit of the Holy Spirit:**  
*KEY VERSE: "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Galatians 6:16*
- **Godly character qualities**
    - a. Compassion (Colossians 3:10-14)
    - b. Forgiveness (Matthew 5:25, 18:22-35; Colossians 3:10-14)
    - c. Humility (Colossians 3:10-14)
    - d. Purity (Titus 2:5)
    - e. Respect of church leaders (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:1,2; Philemon verses 8 and 12; 1 John 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)
    - f. Respect of everyone (1 Peter 2:17)
    - g. Through practice of "The Golden Rule" (Matthew 7:1-12; Luke 6:31)
    - h. Sympathy (Hebrews 13:3, 10:34; 1 Peter 3:8)
  - **Fruit of the Spirit (Romans 7:4; Colossians 1:10)**
    - a. Love (Colossians 3:10-14)
      1. For others (Philippians 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9; Revelation 2:19)
      2. For Christians (2 Thessalonians 1:3; Philemon v.5; Hebrews 13:1; 1 John 2:10, 3:11, 3:23, 4:7, 11, 19, 21; 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 4:18)
      3. For God (Matthew 22:37, 38; 1 Corinthians 16:22; 1 Thessalonians 1:3)
      4. For his/her neighbor as himself (Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:8,11; James 2:8)
      5. Without hypocrisy (Romans 12:10)
      6. To pattern his life (1 Corinthians 13:1-13, 14:14)
    - b. Joy (2 Corinthians 8:2; Colossians 1:11)
      1. In his/her relationship with God (Philippians 3:1, 4:4; 1 Peter 1:6, 8)
      2. In salvation (Acts 16:34)
    - c. Peace (2 Corinthians 13:11; 1 Peter 3:8)
    - d. Patience (Colossians 1:11, 3:10-14)
    - e. Kindness (Colossians 3:10-14; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:8)
    - f. Goodness (Hebrews 13:16)
      1. Giving priority to other Christians (Galatians 6:10)
      2. Never returning evil for evil (Romans 12:10, 17; 1 Corinthians 10:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:15).
    - g. Faithfulness
      1. Regularly taking the Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42, 46)
    - h. Gentleness (Colossians 3:10-14)
      1. Not speaking against a brother (James 4:11, 5:9)
    - i. Self-control (Romans 6:12; 1 Corinthians 9:25)
      1. In referencing to the tongue (James 1:26, 5:12)
6. **Practices spiritual disciplines of worship, Bible study, prayer, fellowship, witnessing, giving and serving:**  
*KEY VERSE: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 3:6-7*

- **Worshipping God** (John 9:38; Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:3; 1 Timothy 1:17)
  - a. Publicly (Acts 2:46)
  - b. Regularly (Acts 5:12)
  - c. Through communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:26)
  - d. By rejoicing in his/her salvation (Romans 5:2)
  - e. By dressing and acting in ways that display the proper subordination of authority (1 Corinthians 11:2-16)
  - f. By applying "The Golden Rule" (1 Corinthians 11:17-22; 12:33)
  - g. By honoring and thanking God for His blessings (Romans 1:21)
  - h. Practices the presence of God as his/her personal Father. (Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:15-17)
  - i. With joy (James 5:13)
- **Bible study**
  - a. To know the facts of scripture and God's power in it (Matthew 22:29)
  - b. To get an excellent knowledge of Scripture (2 Corinthians 11:6)
  - c. Is a doer of the Word, not just a hearer. (James 1:22-25)
  - d. Studies and is encouraged by God's Word. (Romans 15:4)
- **Prayer** (Matthew 6:5-13; 1 Timothy 2:1,8)
  - a. Doing it faithfully (Acts 2:42, Romans 12:12)
  - b. For the persecuted (Acts 12:5; Romans 15:30; 2 Corinthians 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-2, 5:25)
  - c. For wisdom without doubting (James 1:5-7)
  - d. For relief from suffering (James 5:13; 1 Peter 5:7)
  - e. To forgive the sin of Christians (1 John 5:16)
  - f. For unsaved relatives and countryman (Romans 10:1)
  - g. For peace (1 Timothy 2:2)
  - h. For needs (1 John 5:14)
  - i. In the Holy Spirit (Jude v. 20)
  - j. Learns to pray continually. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 1:5-7)
  - k. Pro-actively for good things (Matthew 7:7-11)
  - l. For all without discrimination (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
  - m. To not be led into temptation (Luke 11:2-4)
  - n. Knowing God answers according to the measure of faith (Matthew 9:28-29)
  - o. Addressing God directly to worship, ask about needs and seek forgiveness (Luke 11:2-4)
  - p. For God to send more workers (Matthew 9:38)
- **Fellowship** (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:3)
  - a. Warmly greeting and relating to other disciples (1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14)
  - b. Being of the same mind and spirit (Philippians 1:27)
  - c. Showing loving devotion to other Christians (Romans 12:10)
  - d. Living in peace with others (Mark 9:50; 2 Corinthians 13:11; 2 Peter 3:14)
  - e. Using his/her freedom from the law to serve and love others (Galatians 5:13)
  - f. Sharing his/her burdens (Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:18)
  - g. Striving with other Christians for the gospel (Philippians 1:27)
  - h. Admonishing as a brother (2 Thessalonians 3:15)
  - i. Spurring one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - j. Encouraging each other through faith (Romans 1:12)
  - k. Encouraging each other daily (Hebrews 3:13)
- **Witnessing** (John 4:39; Acts 9:22, 11:19-20, 18:3; 2 Corinthians 5:11; Philippians 1:14; Colossians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:9)
  - b. At every opportunity (Acts 8:4-5, 9:20, 24:14)
  - c. Abstaining from behavior that would be culturally abhorrent to non-Christians they are seeking to reach (Acts 15:20; 16:3; 1 Corinthians 9:20-21)
  - d. Befriending unbelievers to win them to Christ (Matthew 9:10; Luke 15:7; John 1:41, 4:29)
  - e. Believing the power of God is at work (1 Corinthians 1:19, 2:4)
  - f. Presenting the gospel without charge (Matthew 10:9)

- g. To children as well as adults (Mark 10:14)
- h. Inviting
- **Giving**
  - a. Through hospitality to traveling Christian leaders (Acts 16:15; 3 John verses 6-8)
  - b. Treating all his/her possessions as belonging to God (Acts 4:32,36-37)
  - c. To meet the needs of the needy (Acts 2:45, 11:29, 24:17; Romans 12:13)
  - d. Never neglecting the underprivileged (Galatians 2:10)
  - e. Financially to support ministry and those in need in proportion to his/her prosperity (1 Corinthians 16:2)
  - f. Liberally to God's work (2 Corinthians 8:2-5; 8:11-12)
- **Serving**
  - b. God (Matthew 6:24; Romans 12:11; Revelation 2:19)
  - c. Others (1 Corinthians 14:26; Galatians 5:13)

**7. Demonstrates the truth, spirit and power of the Lord's Prayer.**

*KEY VERSE: "This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven...'" Matthew 6:9-13*

- Loves the Lord God with all his/her heart, soul, strength, and mind. (Luke 10:27)
- Has learned the practice of true worship. (John 4:22,23; Romans 12:1; Philippians 3:3; Hebrews 10:1; Revelation 4:10)
- Speaks words of encouragement to others. (Acts 15:32; Romans 12:8; Ephesians 6:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:18; Hebrews 3:13)
- Forgives others as he/she has been forgiven. (Matthew 6:12,14,15; 18:21)
- Seeks first God's Kingdom and His righteousness. (Matthew 6:25-34; 7:21;19:29; Revelation 11:15)
- Earnestly desires to do the will of God. (Matthew 6:10; 7:21; 26:39,42; John 7:17; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Ephesians 5:17; Hebrews 10:7; Revelation 2:26)
- Flees evil desire. (Matthew 6:13; 2 Timothy 2:22)
- Depends upon the Lord for temporal needs. (Matthew 5:5-10; 6:11; 7:7-8; Philippians 4:19)
- Puts on the armor of the Lord to combat against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:10-17)
- Experiences a prayer life guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:7,8; 2:1-13, 43; 2:1-4; 4:24-30; Ephesians 6:18)

**8. Experiences the supernatural power of God.**

*KEY VERSE: "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness." 2 Peter 1:3*

- Observes God's authority and power over Satan's oppression. (Luke 4:33-37)
- Observes healing. (Luke 4:38-39)
- Is amazed by the power of God to forgive sins and to heal. (Mark 2:2-12)
- Learns the value of protecting time for personal and spiritual renewal. (Mark 3:7-12)

**9. Desires to be involved in ministry and ministry training**

*KEY VERSE: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive and inheritance from the Lord as a reward." (Colossians 3:23-24)*

- Is a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. (Luke 5:27-28)
- Is mentored and spends time observing the disciplemaker in ministry. (Mark 1:29)
- Grows in ability to present God's truth. (Acts 9:22)
- Learns that a follower may experience opposition. (Mark 3:6)
- Has observed effective ministry in various forms. (Matthew 4:23-24)
- Sees his/her discipler remaining under spiritual authority. (Matthew 8:4)
- Is eager to serve others with his/her spiritual gifts. (1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31)

## Going: (BE WITH ME)

General Description: A disciple who has completed this phase has become a genuinely maturing follower of Jesus. He/she is a bold and resourceful witness to the gospel, having learned to be fruitful even in the face of rejection, suffering, or sacrifice. He/she has life and ministry experience so that he/she not only walks consistently with the Lord, but has developed the character, skills, and training to lead other disciples into leadership and service.

Major Intent: To deploy disciples as disciplemakers, leaders or helpers of ministries, those who can reproduce the training, character, and functions they have acquired by following Jesus. To further challenge and support disciples to maintain basic habits and add new habits; to deepen their Christian character and resemblance to Jesus Christ.

Duration: 20 - 22 months.

### Disciple's Involvement:

- Works alongside key leaders.
- Leads or serves in a ministry.

Commitment: Willing to give life for Christ; continues to be mentored by other ministry leaders.

### Distinctives:

- Highly committed. Dedicated disciple and servant.
- Deployed in ministry using service or leadership gifts.
- Continued growth process with focus on more advanced habits and character.
- Spend quality time with mentor and other Christian leaders.

### Ministries:

- Ministry Teams: examples include ushers, greeters, children's workers, short-term regional or international mission trips.
- Ongoing Accountability Groups: Impact Groups that continue to meet also serve as a ministry team for service and Prayer, Care, Share outreach to unchurched loved ones.
- Disciplemaker's Leadership Community: This is a monthly small group huddle meeting of disciplemakers who are leading groups within the same ministry or life-stage.

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Transformational Indicators: By the end of this phase a disciple

#### 1. **Correctly handles and teaches God's Word--the Bible.**

*KEY VERSE: "Do you best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15*

- Is bold in proclaiming God's truth (Acts 6:4; 19:10; 15:32-35; 24:25; 28:31; Philippians 2:16; Colossians 4:3; Titus 1:20; 2:15; John 17:14)
- Preaches God's truth even when it is divisive. (Acts 14:2-4, Matthew 10: 26-28)
- Teaches pure doctrine and does not allow others to disregard it, (Titus 2:3; 1:9; 2:1)
- Shuns teaching that is unprofitable (Titus 3:8-9)
- Matures to understand the deeper facts and principles of God's Word (Hebrews 5:12, 14 Romans 15:14)
- Is prepared to give a defense for their faith (Acts 26:6-23)
- Testifies to the truth he/she knows (1 John. 1:1-3; 4:14; 2 John. verse 2; Revelation 1:2)
- Is obedient to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. (Matthew 10:37; 26:39, Mark 4:23-24; 7:8, Luke 11:28, John 8:39, Acts 1:4; 4:19-20, 5:29; 8:27; Philippians 2:16, Colossians 3:16-17)

## 2. Has a proper view of money and material possessions

*KEY VERSE: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5*

- Is generous (Acts 20:35; 1 Timothy 6:18; Matthew 5:39; 6:2, Acts 3:6; 28:8; Luke 14:13-14; Philemon verse 21)
- Is trustworthy of that which God gives, is free from the love of money and does not seek to profit from the faith (1 Timothy 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7; Acts 20:33; 2 Corinthians 2:17; Luke 16:1-13; 19:8)
- Learns that godliness with contentment brings great gain. (Luke 3:14; Philippians 4:11,12; 1 Timothy 6:6-8)
- Gives from the heart and pleases God in ways that only God can reward. (Luke 11:37-42)
- Keeps free from love of money. (1 Timothy 3:3; 6:6; Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5)
- Operates from the principle that God will provide and is trustworthy. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11, 14; Philippians 4:1)
- Supports the church, cares for widows and orphans. Seeks to meet every physical and spiritual need they possibly can. (Matthew 6:24; Luke 8:3; James 1:27; Luke 10:9)
- Knows that God judges not by the amount but by the sacrifice. (Mark 12:43)
- Trusts God to take care of him/her and does not worry. (Matthew 10:31)
- Gives thanks in all things. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Shows hospitality to strangers. (Hebrews 13:2)
- Uses God's resources to produce more fruit as a good steward (Luke 19:17; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15)
- Gives up earthly treasure to receive heavenly reward (Hebrews 11:24-28)

## 3. Understands the reason for and use of spiritual gifts in the church.

*KEY VERSE: "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7*

- Uses spiritual gift(s) to serve others. (1 Peter 4:10)
- Understands that every member is differently gifted but each by the same Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6,11)
- Believes that every gift is to be used for the common good. (2 Corinthians 12:7)
- Believes that the Holy Spirit appoints certain ones for leadership and care of the church and prepares the people for service. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-12)
- Knows that faithfulness is required of those entrusted with spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- Believes that the use of spiritual gifts brings order, not disorder in the church. (1 Corinthians 14:26-40)

## 4. Consistently practices basic Christian disciplines while adding new ones.

*KEY VERSE: "Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples.'" John 8:31*

- Is trained to become like our Master. (Luke 6:40; John 13:16; Ephesians 5:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:6)
- Learns that hearing must be followed by doing. (Luke 6:46-49; Romans 2:13; James 1:22)
- Lives the truth, handles it correctly and believes it brings freedom. (John 8:31,32; Romans 8:2; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1,13; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- Does not grow weary in well doing. (Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 12:3; Revelation 2:10)
- Lives with a prayerful spirit and does not give up. (Luke 18:1)
- Has learned from the Master the kind of disciple he/she needs to be and has been given the authority to serve in His name. (Matthew 5-7; Mark 6:12-13; 8:31-38; Luke 9:22-25; 14:25-35)
- Understands the power of personal witness. (2 Thessalonians 1:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:15)
- Models the appropriate behavior, values and lifestyle. (Titus 2:7)
- Learns that perseverance develops spiritual maturity. (Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 4:13-16)
- Receives blessings because of a right attitude toward God and others. (Matthew 5:12)
- Continues growing in Christlikeness. (2 Peter 1:3-8)
- Gives God praise for everything. (Acts 3:16)
- Avoids fellowship with Christians who are idle but warns them to live according to sound teaching. (2 Thessalonians 3:6,11-15)
- Shares the Word of God with others. (1 Timothy 4:13)

## 5. Continues in ministry with a godly mindset.

*KEY VERSE: "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:16*

- Ministers with the attitude of servanthood, stewardship and faithfulness (1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Acts 13:5; 2 Corinthians 11:28-29)
- Serves with humility (Acts 20:19)
- Has a diligent passion for ministry (Romans 1:11,15; 2 Corinthians 8:22; 15:10; Luke 10:49:17; Colossians 3:23; 1 Timothy 4:16)
- Trusts God to be able to use his/her meager gifts and resources to carry out limitless ministry tasks, even at his own expense. (Matthew 14:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:9)
- Ministers with a sense of urgency knowing a time will come when their efforts will be useless (John 9:4)
- Is proactive, and plans intentional ministry (Romans 1:13; 1 Corinthians 9:27; Luke 9:62; 9:51)
- Usually uses gentleness instead of authority to minister to others (1 Thessalonians 2:6-7)
- Builds his/her ministry exclusively on the foundation of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11-15)
- Trusts Christ will give him/her power and acts on that faith to do supernatural ministry (Acts 3:16; 2:43; 9:34; 3:6; Romans 15:17-19)
- Gives his/her ministry a high priority (Matthew 8:22)
- Keeps his/her commitments to the extent that he/she is in control of the circumstances (2 Corinthians 1:17)
- Lives a holy life so his/ her disciples can follow his/her example (John 17:19a; 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:12; 1 Corinthians 4:16-17)
- Ministers in such a way to please God, not men (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
- Strengthens & encourages the faith of new believers (1 Thessalonians 3:2)
- Is a team player (not self-willed) (Titus 1:7), and
  - a. Does not characteristically fight or argue (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3)
  - b. Rejects factious persons (Titus 3:10)
  - c. Does not force other disciples to do good towards himself (Philemon 14)
  - d. Is not hasty in choosing a leader so as to protect against sin (1 Timothy 5:22)

## 6. Continues in effective outreach as a laborer in the harvest fields.

*KEY VERSE: "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:36-38*

- Goes out to preach intentionally goes about evangelism (Mark 3:14)
- Proclaims the gospel and does all the physical and spiritual good s/he can with Christ's authority (Matthew 10:7)
- Uses God-given opportunities to preach the gospel (Acts 2:14)
- Has compassion for the lost. (Matthew 9:36-38;14:14; Mark 8:2; 2 Corinthians 1:3; Colossians 3:12)
- Boldly declares the Gospel. (Luke 9:1-6; Mark 6:12,13; 2 Timothy 1:7)
- Shares the Gospel with many people, believing that it will often take root and bear fruit. (Matthew 13:7-9)
- Desires, warns & pleads with unbelievers to be saved (Acts 2:40; 26:29)
- Publicly proclaims the whole gospel (Acts 5:20)
- Travels to other places to preach the gospel and do ministry (Acts 8:5-6)
- Presents the gospel in simplicity (1 Corinthians 1:17, 23)
- Assumes responsibility for having a ministry of reconciliation - being Christ's ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)
- Is not ashamed of the Gospel. (Romans 1:16)
- Spends time with non-believers seeking to evangelize them (Mark 2:17)
- Does all things for the sake of (furthering the) Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:23)
- Does not allow persecution to stop them from evangelizing (Acts 17:10, Matthew 10:17-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:2)

## 7. Maintains Christ-honoring relationships with family, the local church, other believers and non-believers.

*KEY VERSE: "By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

- Is a godly family member, and

- a. Is the husband of one wife (1 Timothy 3:2,12)
- b. Manages his own household well, keeping his/her children under control (1 Timothy 3:4,12)
- **Is devoted to the local church, and**
  - a. Honors the spiritual authority of other church leaders (Acts 21:25; Philippians 2:29)
  - b. Lives and ministers so as not to discredit the ministry (2 Corinthians 6:3)
  - c. Uses authority for building up, not tearing down (2 Corinthians 10:8)
  - d. Responsibly “plays the position” God gave them in the body, according to their spiritual gift (Romans 12:6)
  - e. Practices his/her faith publicly (Acts 16:25)
  - f. Judges impartially (1 Timothy 5:21)
- **Is devoted to other believers, and**
  - a. Empathizes, rejoices and weeps with others (Romans 12:15; 2 Corinthians 1:4; 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)
  - b. Treats others as equals (Romans 12:16)
  - c. Accepts without judgment those who are weak in faith (regarding sanctification by the Mosaic law) (Romans 14:1)
  - d. Seeks one-mindedness with other believers (Romans 15:5)
  - e. Is able to admonish other believers (Romans 15:14)
  - f. Discourages developing a private following (1 Corinthians 1:14)
  - g. Judges (evaluates and treats appropriately) other Christians (1 Corinthians 5:12-13; 6:1-3; 2 Corinthians 10:7)
  - h. Lives as a model to young Christians (1 Thessalonians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:9)
  - i. Forgives the sins of others, knowing this is a prerequisite for their own forgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15)
  - j. Lays down his /her life for other Christians (1 John 3:16)
  - k. Accepts other Christians as they are (Romans 15:7)
  - l. Gives honor to other Christians not based on their human abilities, but based on their identity in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:16)
- **Is committed to non-believers, and**
  - a. Seeks to be at peace with all men (Romans 12:18; 14:19)
  - b. Overcomes evil with good (Romans 12:21)
  - c. Respects what the world views as “right” (Romans 12:17)
  - d. Loves his neighbor as himself (Luke 10:27, 37)
  - e. Seeks to meet every physical and spiritual need they can (Luke 10:9, Acts 20:35)
  - f. Grieves the damnation of the lost (Romans 9:2)
  - g. Seeks to save even his enemies (Acts 28:17)
  - h. Has a good reputation outside the church. (1 Timothy 3:7)

## 8. Multiplies oneself by modelling and apprenticing others in ministry

*KEY VERSE: “Any the things you heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Timothy 2:2*

- Takes the lead in the work of ministry (Acts 13:46)
- Follows the lead and modelling of his/her disciplemaker. (John 13:15)
- Encourages, corrects and edifies those he is discipling (1 Thessalonians 5:14-15; Hebrews 13:17; Philippians 4:8)
- Involves him/herself in leadership roles in ministry (1 Timothy 3; 2 Timothy 2:14-15, Mark 6:7-13)
- Seeks opportunities to disciple new believers to maturity. (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
- Models Jesus’ ministry example. (Matthew 10:25; Ephesians 1:12; Galatians 2:6-10)
- Exemplifies a servant’s heart in leadership. (John 13:1-17; Acts 14:22; Galatians 2:6; 6:1-2)
- Disciples others with the whole world in mind. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Is accountable to others. (Luke 12:36-38, 42-48; 16:2; 1 Corinthians 14:29-32)
- Reports to others what God has done. (Mark 6:30; Luke 9:10; Acts 14:27; 15:4; 21:19)
- Does not judge by appearance. (Galatians 2:6)

## 9. Engages in spiritual battle and exercising spiritual authority.

*KEY VERSE: “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must be faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:2*

- Never cooperates with demonic influence (Acts 16:18; Luke 12:56)

- Guards against false prophets, false teaching, legalism and heresy (Matthew 4:24; 7:15; 16:6, Colossians 2:8, Philippians 3:2, Acts 13:46;15:2, 39; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 1 Timothy 1:3; 6:20; Revelation 2:2, Galatians 2:5, Jude v.17, Titus 1:9,13)
- Dissociates himself from those who reject God's Word (Acts 13:51, Revelation 2:2, 2:20)
- Uses hope of reward to overcome fear of suffering (Romans 8:18)
- Uses spiritual weapons to accomplish ministry. (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)
- Knows that God's will and timing, not circumstances provide our safety (John 11:9)
- Sometimes directly confronts those who oppose Christ (Acts 13:10)
- Guards himself from idols (1 John 5:21)
- Lives by faith and not by sight under the control of the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 5:6-9)
- Accepts that everything is set by the Father's authority. (Acts 1:7)
- Exercises spiritual authority in helping others in their walk with the Lord. (Acts 3:1-9; 9:32-43)
- Takes authority in Jesus' name over demons, disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1-4; 12:22; Luke 11:14)
- Knows that God's grace is able to overcome the power of sin. (Romans 5:20-21)
- Has intimacy in prayer before the Father, calling Him "Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15)
- Teaches sound doctrine (Titus 2:15) and deals quickly with false doctrine. (Titus 1;10-12)
- Lives a holy life. (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- Encourages and rebukes with authority. (Titus 2:15)
- Believes that Christ intercedes on our behalf before the Father. (1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25)
- Believes that the Holy Spirit intercedes for the saints. (Romans 8:26,27)

#### 10. A disciple is willing to suffer, lose all, or die for Christ's sake.

*KEY VERSE: And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27*

- Learns that suffering for Christ's sake can be expected, that it produces character and that it prepares us for glory. (2 Corinthians 4:4-18; 2 Corinthians 1:6; Philippians 1:29; 1 Peter 2:20;4:16; Revelation 2:10)
- Is confident that God will help us stand firm and counts it a privilege to suffer for Christ's sake. (2 Corinthians 1:2-4)
- Is content in all circumstances. (Philippians 4:11-13)
- Does everything without complaining. (Philippians 2:14)
- Knows he/she is called to have patient endurance. (Revelation 14:12)
- Believes that adversity can be God's opportunity. (John 9:3; 2 Corinthians 12:10; James 1:2)
- Counts it a privilege to suffer for the Lord (Acts 5:41; John 15:21)
- Understands that the church grows in spite of persecution. (Acts 8:4-8; 17:5-8)
- Accepts the fact that suffering produces Christian character. (Romans 5:3-5)
- Believes that the greatest gift given to man was Christ's death as a demonstration of God's love. (Romans 5:8)
- Will suffer for Christ knowing that Satan is a defeated foe. (Romans 16:20)
- Learns that trials now lead to treasures later. (Luke 6:20-23)

### Guiding: (REMAIN IN ME)

General Description: A disciple in this phase is sustaining all that he/she has gained as humble servant of Christ completely sold out to Him and in love with Him. They exhibit the fruit of the Spirit and remind an observer of what Jesus must have been like. They are a leader of leaders or a trainer of other servants. They serve others constantly in a significant way focused on their area of giftedness. They are reproducing themselves in other faithful disciples!

Major Intent: To sustain a lifestyle of increasing Christ-likeness and spiritual reproduction.

- Build and maintain the character, obedience, faith and fruitfulness described throughout the New Testament.
- Provide ongoing accountability relationships for love, support and continued spiritual growth.
- Deploy in service or leadership.

Duration: Lifelong, abiding in Christ for a lifetime.

### Disciple's Involvement:

- Continues to lead or serve in ministry according to spiritual giftedness.
- Trains disciples and emerging leaders for spiritual growth and ministry.

Commitment: Completely yielded to Christ, willing to follow Him at all cost.

### Distinctives:

- Fully devoted follower of Christ.
- Sustains ongoing accountability relationships with a mentor or other Christian leaders.
- Lifelong growth in more advanced habits and character.
- Focus on training others in spiritual growth, personal ministry and leadership.

### Ministries:

- Ministry Teams: examples include ushers, greeters, children's workers, short-term regional or international mission trips.
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- Eldership and Pastoral Ministry.

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Transformational Indicators: A disciple who remains in Christ

#### 1. **Serves faithfully on earth with a heart longing for heaven and Christ's return.**

*KEY VERSE: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Philippians 3:20*

- Has confidence and is able to encourage others concerning the Lord's coming. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 5:1-3; 1 John 2:28)
- Does not fear the Lord's coming. (1 Thessalonians 5:4-9)
- Knows that nothing can separate us from Christ's love. (Romans 8:38-39)
- Has assurance of completion in Christ. (Philippians 1:6; Colossians 2:10)
- Focuses on God's promises for the future and does not dwell on present trials. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
- Waits for the return of Christ with anticipation. (Acts 1:4; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; Revelation 22:6-7; 10-12, 20)
- Knows the Day of the Lord's coming will be unexpected. (2 Peter 3:10)
- Knows that when Christ returns we will share in His glory. (Colossians 3:4)
- Waits in confidence for the crown of glory that has been promised. (1 Peter 5:4)
- Knows that Christ will be the ultimate judge of the world. (2 Timothy 4:1)

#### 2. **Pursues a deeper understanding of the character of God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.**

*KEY VERSE: "For He is Lord of lords and King of kings." Revelation 17:14*

- Has a deep appreciation for the holiness and majesty of the Lord. (Revelation 1:8-16)
- Professes that all powers have been made subject to Christ. (1 Peter 3:22)
- Believes that Christ is the perfect high priest and intercedes with the Father on our behalf. (Hebrews 7:25)
- Understands that God works in all things for our good. (Romans 8:28)

#### 3. **Submits fully to Lordship of Christ.**

*KEY VERSE: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29*

- Recognizes Jesus as both Lord and God. (John 20:28)

- Believes in Jesus whether or not he/she sees tangible evidence. (John 20:29)
- Submits to Christ's will. (John 19:25-27; 21:6)
- Lives a life of sexual purity. (Romans 1:27)
- Is faithful in sacrificial giving. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
- Seeks the Lord's will and is willing to change plans as God directs. (James 4:13-17)
- Accepts changes in church organization as the Holy Spirit leads. (Acts 6:1-7)
- Is obedient to those in authority, knowing that God establishes all authority. (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 6:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)
- Is willing to suffer for Christ, even to the point of death (Romans 8:31-39; 12:14; 16:4; 1 Peter 2:19; 3:14; 3:7; 4:1-2)

**4. Leads in unifying the Body of Christ.**

*KEY VERSE: "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:21*

- Accepts accountability to the Body of Christ. (John 19:25-27)
- Lives in a way that builds up and encourages others. (Romans 15:1-3)
- Joins in fellowship with other believers even if at odds with each other. (Acts 9:26)

**5. Defends the faith in key matters of doctrine.**

*KEY VERSE: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15*

- Knows that all truth is based on Scripture. (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22)
- Is consistent and faithful in reading and studying God's Word. (Romans 10:17)
- Holds firmly to Biblical doctrine and exhorts others to do so. (Titus 1:9)
- Knows, believes and shares the doctrine of justification by faith alone. (Romans 3:23-26; Galatians 3:1-28)
- Protects the church from false doctrine and sin (Galatians 2:11; 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:25; 4:15; 1:13-14; 3 John 10; 2 Corinthians 11:12, 14-15; 13:2; 1 Corinthians 4:6; 5:5-7; 6:1-8; Romans 16:7; Ephesians 4:3-4)
- Confronts erroneous thinking and behavior in the church. (Acts 8:20-23; 15:1-29; 17:11; 19:25-31; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

**6. Sustains an intimate knowledge of God resulting in praise and adoration.**

*KEY VERSE: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11*

- Worships Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:9,17; Luke 24:52)
- Responds to the voice of God. (Acts 26:13-15)
- Approaches God with freedom and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12)
- Is committed to a life of prayer, knowing that God hears and answers. (Ephesians 6:18; 1 John 5:15)
- Intercedes for others in prayer. (Hebrews 7:25)

**7. Trains disciples and emerging leaders for spiritual growth and ministry, training others to train others.**

*KEY VERSE: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." Matthew 28:19*

- Lives in faith and proclaims the Gospel boldly. (Romans 1:16-17; Mark 16:20; Luke 24:46-47)
- Knows he/she must defy worldly authority if in conflict with God's commands. (Acts 4:18-20)
- Seeks to make other disciples of Jesus throughout the world. (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15)
- Teaches new believers to obey everything that Jesus commanded. (Matthew 28:20)
- Demonstrates love for Jesus by faithfully caring for growing disciples. (John 21:15-17)
- Meets the needs of others. (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Sustains a burden for lost souls. (Romans 9:15-16)
- Values the salvation of others over his/her own safety. (Acts 16:25-34)