**Making Disciples**

**Handouts:** *Discipleship Book, answer key, Info postcard, enlist postcard, Discipleship Tracking Form, Ministry Survey, Spiritual Gifts Test, and Discipleship Completion Certificate*

**2 Timothy 2:2**

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

**Quote:** “Disciple-making is the central work of the people of Christ’s church, the work of bringing men and women to a saving relationship to Jesus Christ and of helping them grow in His knowledge and likeness.”

1. **The Purpose of Discipleship**

**Matthew 28:19-20**
19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

* 1. An equal part of the great commission

**1 Corinthians 14:40**
40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

* 1. An effective way to bear fruit that remains

**John 15:16**
16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**Colossians 2:6-7**
6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:
7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

**Statistic:** Of those who join the church and attend worship only, 15% are active after 5 years. Of those who join the church and attend Sunday School and worship, 87% are active after 5 years.

* 1. To establish a relationship

**Hebrews 10:24-25**
24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**Quote:** “You can influence from a distance, but you can impact only from up close.”

* 1. To expand the disciple’s effectiveness
* Developing the discipline of being daily in the Word

**Joshua 1:8**
8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

* Developing the discipline of daily prayer

**Mark 1:35**
35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

* Developing the discipline of attending Wednesday nights
* Developing them to teach others also
1. **The Program for Discipleship**

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* 1. Through our Adult Bible Fellowships
* Look for new attendees in class that might benefit
* Discipleship is typically for someone who has recently been saved and baptized.
* Keep your teacher informed of progress, needs, etc. The teacher should keep the Educational Pastor informed as well.
* All discipleship at our church is done through Daily in the Word, which is structured and executed through our ABFs (we should not learn someone just finished that we did not even know was enrolled in the program!)
* A partner is assigned through the ABF
	1. On Wednesday nights
* Childcare provided, year round
* Appropriate place to meet, café style with tables and chairs
* Refreshments provided
* Start with a word of prayer, give any necessary announcements and reminders
* It is Pastor’s heart that once someone commits to discipleship, that they stay in until they graduate. It would be best to enroll in electives after graduation. This applies for both the disciple and discipler.
	1. Daily in the Word Curriculum
		1. Our goal is to complete in 20 weeks

The disciple often sets the pace for the journey

* + 1. Utilize the website, ditwdiscipleship.com
		2. Stress scripture memorization
		3. Assign the writing with discretion
		4. Suggested session agenda
* Relate, 5 minutes
* Review, 10 minutes
* Teach, 40 minutes
* Wrap up and assign homework, 5 minutes
* Make sure it is clear what is expected of them between now and the next meeting
* Seek a commitment for the following week
	1. Track Progress, turn in your tracking sheet
1. **The Product of Discipleship**
	1. Committed followers of Christ

**2 Timothy 2:1-3**
1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**Acts 2:42**
42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

* 1. New servants in the church

Give spiritual gifts test and ministry survey once they reach lesson 7. This will help us assimilate them into ministry seamlessly as they graduate.

* 1. Future disciplers