

# The Disciple Driven Church

Disciple-Makers Handbook

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## Understanding the Supremacy of the Great Commission

**Matthew 28:18-20** - <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to **observe all things that I have commanded you; and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**" Amen.

### Three Essential Steps of Every Disciple Mark 8:34

- **Deny Yourself**  
A process of daily self-discipline.
- **Take Up Your Cross**  
A surrender of your whole life.
- **Follow Jesus**  
A lifestyle of obedience.

#### Discipling

- Discipleship is not a method or a class – it is a “lifestyle” – a way we choose to live.
- Discipling comes from a root word which means "thought accompanied by action"; discipleship is teaching and learning *by doing*.
- The emphasis in discipleship is not on the facts or the information being taught, but on *doing* what we have been taught.

**Discipling cannot be done in a seminar or in a classroom. It cannot be done in one day. It is a process of learning by doing, and the doing must be done habitually (or all the time).**

### The Goal of Disciple-Making

To bring believers to spiritual transformation and full maturity in Christ as they learn to follow Him in obedience and love.

**As you get started on the path to fulfilling the Great Commission in your life you will have to overcome some habits and myths.**

Avoid the myths about evangelism and disciple making.

- Myth: "Everyone should be saved."
- Myth: "People are tired of Christianity."
- Myth: "It is the pastor's job to win the lost."
- Myth: "To win the lost we must plant churches."
- Myth: "To win the lost we must put more people into the church seats."
- Myth: "Evangelism *is* discipleship."
- Myth: "The gospel shouldn't be offensive."

**Four Marks of a True Disciple.**

- 1. A Disciple is Obedient (Hebrews 5:8).**
- 2. A Disciple is Faithful (Hebrews 3:1-2).**
- 3. A Disciple is Loving (John 13:34-35).**
- 4. A Disciple is Reproducing (John 12:24,32).**

**A Principle of Discipleship – We teach what we know - we reproduce what we are.**

**Your first step in making disciples is to examine yourself.  
Jesus will bless a surrendered heart and a submitted life.**

**Teaching Disciples to Obey**

- **John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."**
- **John 14:23 "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words."**
- **Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men."**

**Seven Major Commands of Christ**

(A "major" command does not mean other commands are less important; it means that other commands will flow out of one of these seven.)

Repent, believe, and be baptized (Mark 1:15; Matthew 28:19).

Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).

Love God and neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40).

Celebrate the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Pray daily (Luke 18:1).  
Give generously (Matthew 19:21; Luke 6:38).  
Make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

## **Forty Nine Commands of Christ** **These are 49 Ways to Love God and Others!**

All of these flow out of the theme of all Scripture, which is to love God with all of our hearts and to love one another. (See Matthew 22:40 and John 13:34.)

1. Repent—*Matthew 4:17*—Humility
2. Follow Me—*Matthew 4:19*—Meekness
3. Rejoice—*Matthew 5:12*—Joyfulness
4. Let Your Light Shine—*Matthew 5:16*—Generosity
5. Honor God's Law—*Matthew 5:17-18*—Love
6. Be Reconciled—*Matthew 5:24-25*—Responsibility
7. Do Not Commit Adultery—*Matthew 5:29-30*—Self-Control
8. Keep Your Word—*Matthew 5:37*—Truthfulness
9. Go the Second Mile—*Matthew 5:38-42*—Deference
10. Love Your Enemies—*Matthew 5:44*—Creativity
11. Be Perfect—*Matthew 5:48*—Sincerity
12. Practice Secret Disciplines—*Matthew 6:1-18*—Faith
13. Lay Up Treasures—*Matthew 6:19-21*—Thriftiness
14. Seek God's Kingdom—*Matthew 6:33*—Initiative
15. Judge Not—*Matthew 7:1*—Discernment
16. Do Not Cast Pearls—*Matthew 7:6*—Discretion
17. Ask, Seek, and Knock—*Matthew 7:7-8*—Resourcefulness
18. Do Unto Others—*Matthew 7:12*—Sensitivity
19. Choose the Narrow Way—*Matthew 7:13-14*—Decisiveness
20. Beware of False Prophets—*Matthew 7:15*—Alertness
21. Pray For Laborers—*Matthew 9:38*—Compassion
22. Be Wise as Serpents—*Matthew 10:16*—Wisdom
23. Fear God, Not Man—*Matthew 10:26*—Boldness
24. Hear God's Voice—*Matthew 11:15*—Attentiveness
25. Take My Yoke—*Matthew 11:29*—Obedience
26. Honor Your Parents—*Matthew 15:4*—Honor/Reverence
27. Beware of Leaven—*Matthew 16:6*—Virtue
28. Deny Yourself—*Luke 9:23*—Determination
29. Despise Not Little Ones—*Matthew 18:10*—Tolerance
30. Go to Offenders—*Matthew 18:15*—Justice
31. Beware of Covetousness—*Luke 12:15*—Contentment
32. Forgive Offenders—*Matthew 18:21-22*—Forgiveness
33. Honor Marriage—*Matthew 19:6*—Loyalty
34. Be a Servant—*Matthew 20:26-28*—Availability
35. Be a House of Prayer—*Matthew 21:13*—Persuasiveness

36. Ask in Faith—*Matthew 21:21–22*—Patience
37. Bring in the Poor—*Luke 14:12–14*—Hospitality
38. Render to Caesar—*Matthew 22:19–21*—Gratefulness
39. Love the Lord—*Matthew 22:37–38*—Enthusiasm
40. Love Your Neighbor—*Matthew 22:39*—Gentleness
41. Await My Return—*Matthew 24:42–44*—Punctuality
42. Take, Eat, and Drink—*Matthew 26:26–27*—Thoroughness
43. Be Born Again—*John 3:7*—Security
44. Keep My Commandments—*John 14:15*—Diligence
45. Watch and Pray—*Matthew 26:41*—Endurance
46. Feed My Sheep—*John 21:15–16*—Dependability
47. Baptize My Disciples—*Matthew 28:19*—Cautiousness
48. Receive God’s Power—*Luke 24:49*—Orderliness
49. Make Disciples—*Matthew 28:20*—Flexibility

## **Twenty Things Every Disciple Should Know and Do**

The Great Commandment (*Matthew 22:37-39*)

The Golden Rule (*Matthew 7:12*)

The Ten Commandments (*Exodus 20*)

The Seven Commands of Christ:

Repent, Believe, Be Baptized - Be Filled with the Holy Spirit - Love God and  
Your Neighbor - Celebrate Communion – Pray – Give - Make Disciples

The Cost of Discipleship (*Mark 8:34-38*)

The Parable of the Sower (*Matthew 13:1-23*)

The Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

The Great Call (*Mark 16:15-18*)

The Romans Road (*3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9-10; 14:17-18*)

The Great Commitment (*Acts 1:8*)

The Fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

Finding an Accountability Partner and Group

Making Their Own Disciple

How to Share Their Personal Testimony

The First Five Disciplines:

Prayer - Bible Study – Giving – Serving - Fasting

Their Spiritual Gifts (How to Use Them)

The Sixty Six Books of the Bible

The Lord’s Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

The Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:3-12*)

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

## **Basic Christian Doctrine**

### Things Every Christian Should Believe

1. There is only one God – *Isaiah. 44:6,8; 45:6,14,18,21,22.*
2. The one God is three persons (the Trinity) – *Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2.*

3. God is love and loves all people – John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-8.
4. God knows all things - 1 John 3:20.
5. God is all-powerful - Psalms 115:3.
6. God is everywhere - Jeremiah 23:23,24.
7. God is sovereign (supreme ruler) - Zechariah 9:14; 1 Timothy 6:15-16.
8. God is a spirit - John 4:24.
9. God created all things – Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24.
10. God has always been God - Psalms 90:2.
11. Jesus is God - John 1:1,14; 8:58; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:6-8.
12. Jesus became a man and was sinless - Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Peter 2:22.
13. Jesus has two natures: divine and human - Colossians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5.
14. Jesus was born of a virgin – Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:27; 1 Peter 2:22.
15. Jesus is the only way to God the Father - John 14:6; Matthew 11:27
16. The Holy Spirit is God - Acts 5:3-4.
17. The Holy Spirit is not a force; He is a person - Acts 13:2.
18. The Church is the Body of Christ – Ephesians 1:22-23.
19. The Church is called to make disciples – Matthew 28:18-20.
20. All people have sinned - Romans 3:23, 5:12.
21. Man did not evolve, he was created - Genesis 1:26.
22. Adam and Eve were real people - Genesis 3:20; 5:1; 1 Tim. 2:13.
23. Death entered the world because of Adam's sin - Romans 5:12-15.
24. Sin separates us from God - Isaiah 59:2.
25. Jesus died for all our sins - 1 John 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:14; 1 Peter 2:24.
26. Jesus' death was a substitution for us - 1 Peter 2:24.
27. Jesus rose from the dead in His physical body - John 2:19-21.
28. Those that reject Jesus go to Hell forever – Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15.
29. Hell is a place of fiery punishment – Matt. 25:41; Rev. 19:20.
30. You are saved by faith through grace, not by works – Eph. 2:8-9.
31. Salvation is a free gift of God - Romans 6:23.
32. You must be born again – John 3:3,5.
33. The saved will be raised from the dead at the rapture - 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.
34. Jesus will visibly return to earth – Acts 1:11.
35. Jesus' Second Coming will be to judge the nations – Revelation 19:11-16.
36. There will be a final judgment for all people - 2 Peter 3:7.
37. The damned will be thrown into a lake of fire - Revelation 20:15.
38. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire - Revelation 20:10.
39. There will be a new heaven and a new earth - 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1.

## Spiritual Disciplines

### **The Purpose for Spiritual Disciplines**

“Discipline yourself for the purpose of *godliness*.” Spiritual disciplines are designed to produce the *character qualities* associated with godliness.

1. Discipline
  - Spiritual disciplines are designed to promote spiritual awareness by strengthening the spirit of man (Galatians 5:16-17).
  - Man's spirit is renewed as he masters spiritual disciplines and feeds on the Word of God (2 Corinthians 4:16; Colossians 3:10).
2. Godliness = (a) to be devout, (b) a God-ward attitude doing what is well-pleasing to God, (c) God-fearing.

What are the characteristics of godliness?

1. Moral excellence (2 Peter 1:5)
2. Character – moral strength, self-discipline
3. Spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Godliness is the fruit of *spiritual formation*, the goal of discipleship.

### **The Nature and Operation of Spiritual Disciplines**

1. They are patterns and habits.
2. They must be done regularly.
3. They must be developed or improved upon in our lives.
4. They are deliberate choices we make.
5. They involve the discipline (or control) of our wills.
6. They strengthen our spirits by denying our fleshly desires.
7. They produce character and spiritual formation.

### **Three Categories of Spiritual Disciplines**

1. Inward disciplines
  - The “First Works”
2. Outward Disciplines
  - The “Growth Works”
3. Corporate disciplines
  - Things you do with others

### **There are ten individual spiritual disciplines instructed or displayed by example in the Bible.**

1. Prayer - communicating with God.
2. Bible Study - understanding the Word of God.
3. Fasting - deliberately choosing to abstain from food.
4. Meditation - going deeply into passages of Scripture.
5. Journaling - recording your thoughts and events in a book.
6. Living by Faith – walking in the Spirit.
7. Evangelism - sharing your faith with another person or group.
8. Stewardship - surrendering your possessions to the Lord.
9. Giving - intentionally giving tithes and offerings.
10. Serving - having a ministry.

## **Inward Disciplines – The foundations for a godly life**

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2. Bible study – understanding the Word of God
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### **Prayer**

1. Communicating with God
2. Communication requires speaking the same language. What language does God speak? *His Word!*
3. Effective prayer requires
  - honesty
  - faith
  - quality time
  - persistence
  - passion

### **Bible Study**

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Hearing-----Reading-----Studying-----Memorizing-----Meditating

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### **Fasting**

Different kinds of fasts

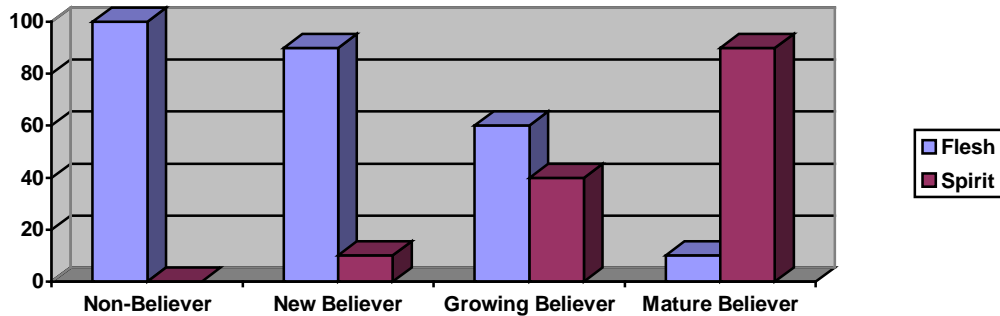
1. Full fast – denying yourself food or drink (other than water) for a minimum of 36 hours
2. Partial fast – denying yourself food or drink (other than water) for less than 36 hours
3. Substitutionary fast – eating a modified diet
4. Corporate fasting – fasting with others
5. Fasting as a spiritual discipline – regular fasting designed to discipline the flesh and strengthen the spirit. This is the key to establishing regular patterns of spiritual discipline in your life.

## **Physical and Spiritual Benefits of Regular Fasting**

*Physical benefits:* One of the greatest benefits of regular fasting is the cleansing effect it will have on the body as it cleans out deadly toxins. Weekly fasting also helps maintain a healthy body weight.

*Spiritual benefits:* Fasting as a discipline strengthens the inner-man (the spirit) by denying the flesh and bringing it under the control of the spirit.

How do we use Spiritual Disciplines to overcome the enemy and walk free?



Non-believers have no Spirit of God dwelling in them so they are ruled by the desires of the flesh. They live in the physical realm and are ruled by the five natural senses through their mind, will and emotions. New believers receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation and they are given the ability to walk in the Spirit and discern spiritual things. They have fed the desires of the flesh for many years and must now deny themselves and take up the cross of Christ. For the new believer this is a troubling time. They are more aware of their sins and faults. This is a good sign. It indicates that God is at work in them. Growing believers are beginning to mature in Christ's teachings. They are starting to follow Christ. They are still aware of the flesh and at times it overtakes them. They immediately know when this happens and seek to resolve the transgression through confession and repentance.

The mature believer has mastered the spiritual disciplines and is walking under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. While not free from the flesh they have learned to rule over it in way that keeps it from ruling their lives. They are not sin free Christians, but rather Spirit filled and following His leading wherever He directs.

The goal of disciple making is:

*To bring non-believers to spiritual transformation and full maturity in Christ as they learn to follow Him in obedience and love.*

#### **Purposes of fasting:**

1. Strengthening the spirit (Luke 4:1-2,14)
2. Intercessory prayer (Deuteronomy 9:18)
3. Seeking discernment of God's will (Judges 20:23-27)
4. Mourning (1 Samuel 1:1-7)
5. Confession and repentance (1 Samuel 7:1-6)
6. Worship (1 Samuel 9:11-13)
7. Grief (1 Samuel 20:34; 31:13)

8. Supplication (2 Chronicles 20:1-3)
9. Seeking God's will and guidance (Ezra 8:21-23)

## **Suggestions for fasting properly**

1. Fasting should be avoided or limited by those who have serious health concerns.
2. Fast regularly and drink plenty of water.
3. The best kind of fasting schedule is one 24-36 hour period per week and a 7-10 day fast one or more times a year.
4. If you feel led to go on an extended fast of 3 days or longer, you should prepare for it at least one month before by modifying your diet and fasting regularly.
5. Never eat heavily right before or right after a fast.
6. Break an extended fast with liquids, and then gradually build up to mild vegetables (well cooked) or fruit.
7. Spend as much time in prayer as you can during your fast. Your prayer time should double in length if you are able.
8. Keep a very moderate schedule during the fast. Avoid work (if possible) and recreation.
9. Spend as much time in the Bible as you can.
10. Do not boast of your fasting

### **Meditation**

#### **Going deeply into passages of Scripture**

1. The Bible teaches there is a direct link between keeping the Word of God and receiving the blessings and promises of God.
  - God's anointing is upon His Word (Isaiah 55:8-11).
  - God's blessing is upon His Word (Psalm 119:2).
  - God has magnified His Word (Psalm 138:2).
2. Obedience to God's Word results in the following promises:
  - Prosperity (Deuteronomy 11:1, 7-9)
  - Wellness (Deuteronomy 7:12-15)
  - Life (Deuteronomy 27)
  - Blessing (Deuteronomy 28)
  - Success (Joshua 1:7-8)
  - Fruitfulness (Psalm 1)
  - Wisdom (Psalm 119:99-100)
  - Joy (Psalm 63:5-6)
  - Victory (Psalm 119:9-11)
  - Love for God (John 14:21-23)
  - Assurance of answered prayer (James 4; 1 John 3:22)
3. Meditating in Scripture is following the law of sowing and reaping. There are four parts to this law: the seed (the Word, Matthew 13), the soil (our hearts, Matthew 13), the water (the Holy Spirit, John

7:37-39; Ephesians 5:26), and the harvest (the fruit, Matthew 13:23).

4. How to meditate in Scripture:
  - Daily receive God's Word
  - Select one key passage
  - Memorize the passage
  - Study the passage
  - Meditate on the passage
    - Personalize the passage ("Lord, you are my Shepherd")
    - Carefully go over each word and phrase
    - Turn the passage into a prayer
  - Do what the passage teaches

**Meditation targets: Meditating in passages to address specific issues**

1. Temptation – Psalm 25; Galatians 5; James 1
2. Moral purity – Romans 6; Colossians 3
3. Seeking God's will – 1 Thessalonians 4; Romans 12
4. Love – Philippians 2; 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 3
5. Spiritual growth – Matthew 5-7; John 15; 1 Peter 2; 2 Peter 1
6. Thoughts – Philippians 4; 2 Corinthians 10; Hebrews 4
7. Faith – Mark 11; Ephesians 6; James 2; Hebrews 11
8. Submission – Romans 13; Hebrews 13; 1 Peter 2
9. Fear – Psalm 27; Isaiah 8:9-22; Luke 12; 2 Timothy 1
10. Worry – Psalm 23; Psalm 46; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4
11. Repentance – Psalm 51; Luke 15; Romans 2; Revelation 2-3
12. Depression – Nehemiah 8; Psalm 34; Philippians 4; James 1
13. Discouragement – Psalm 23; John 14-15; 2 Corinthians 4
14. Loneliness – Psalm 23; Psalm 32; Psalm 68:5-13; Psalm 103
15. Prayer – Psalm 55:16-20; Psalm 63; Luke 11; John 17
16. Protection – Psalm 18; Psalm 91; Psalm 121
17. Health – Exodus 15:26; Psalm 103; Proverbs 3:1-13; James 5
18. Discontentment – Psalm 37:1-11; Matt. 6:19-24; Col. 3; 1 Tim. 6
19. Faithfulness – Matthew 24:36-51; Luke 16; 2 Timothy 2
20. Guilt – Romans 8; 2 Corinthians 7; 1 John 1
21. Anger – Matthew 5; 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4
22. Patience – Psalm 103; Isaiah 40:28-31; Luke 8:4-15; James 1
23. Sorrow – Psalm 13; Psalm 42; Isaiah 35; 53; 55:1-16; John 14-15

**Journaling:** Keeping a written record of prayers, thoughts, events, and words from the Lord

The inward disciplines work together to help us lay a foundation for spiritual growth. Bible Study prepares us for meditation and prayer helps us in journaling. Fasting helps us to establish these as patterns in our lives as the flesh is weakened and the spirit grows in strength.

## **The Outward Disciplines**

1. Living by Faith – walking in the Spirit.
2. Evangelism - sharing your faith with another person or group.
3. Stewardship - surrendering your possessions to the Lord.
4. Giving - intentionally giving tithes and offerings.
5. Serving - having a ministry.

Just as with the inward disciplines, there is a key discipline that will help you establish the others in your life. Living by faith or walking in the Spirit is the key to establishing the outward disciplines in your life. A quick look at the spiritual disciplines will show us how they work together to help us know and serve God. The outward disciplines make our faith active. By walking in the Spirit we can see what God is doing and follow Him in it. Giving is the key to stewardship. Without putting money in its proper place we can never handle the more important spiritual things correctly. Serving aids us in evangelism. As we go into the world to serve it we will have opportunity to share the Gospel and make disciples. Of these outward disciplines, it is giving that is most talked about in the church today.

## **Giving**

### **God wants you to be financially free!**

1. Choose to serve God rather than money (Matthew 6:24)
2. Trust God totally for every need (Deuteronomy 8:18)
3. Obey Biblical teachings concerning money (John 14:21-23)
4. Stay out of debt (Romans 13:8)
5. Work diligently (2 Thessalonians 3:10)
6. Establish God's priorities in your life (Haggai 1:9)
7. Choose a good name rather than riches (Proverbs 22:1)
8. Learn contentment (Philippians 4:11-12)
9. Pay your bills (Romans 13:7)

### **God's four purposes for money**

1. To provide basic needs
2. To confirm direction
3. To enable you to give to others
4. To illustrate His power in your life

What is a *tithe*? A tithe is 10% of your total increase.

This question is often asked: "Isn't the tithe a part of the Old Testament law and therefore not required of New Testament believers?"

The tithe is older than the law. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek hundreds of years before the law was given to Moses (Hebrews 7:6).

What is the purpose of tithing?

1. To support God's work (Malachi 3:8)
  2. To learn to fear the Lord (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)
- God blesses those who tithe (Proverbs 3:9-10).

1. What is an "offering"? An offering is anything given over and above the tithe. The tithe is obedience. An offering is worship.

### **Other Disciplines**

**Evangelism**: Sharing your faith with others as a daily pattern of life

**Stewardship**: Surrendering possessions to the Lord and using them for His Kingdom

**Serving**: Intentionally serving others

**Living By Faith**: Being in harmony with God and with His purposes

## **Occasional Disciplines – disciplines that can be used at times for specific purposes.**

1. **Fasting** – deliberately choosing to abstain from food
2. **Silence** – not speaking for periods of time
3. **Simplicity** – doing the same things with fewer resources
4. **Solitude** – deliberately being alone with God
5. **Submission** – choosing to yield your rights to another, humility
6. **Secrecy** – doing acts of kindness secretly
7. **Watching** – spending extended times in prayer
8. **Frugality** – abstaining from using money to gratify our desires
9. **Sacrifice** – abstaining from the enjoyment of necessary things
10. **Celibacy** – purposefully abstaining from sexual intercourse

## **Corporate Disciplines – Things we do with other believers**

1. **Corporate Prayer** – prayer with others
2. **Confession** – telling our faults and sins to another
3. **Celebration** – honoring a person or event with others
4. **Worship** – expressing praise and adoration for God with others
5. **Guidance** – seeking the wisdom and counsel of others

### **Common Habits We Need to Avoid.**

1. Inviting people to Church
  - Relies on the church to reach people
  - Creates a weak link between people and the church
  - Enables a consumer mentality

2. Attracting people to Church
  - Focuses the church service on appealing to the lost not worshipping God
  - Let's the lost control the church
  - Enables a consumer mentality
3. Doing Ministry Through Programs
  - Puts God in a man sized box
  - Control's people's service instead of releasing them to fulfill their passion
  - Promotes a false sense of fulfilling our obligations to serve God
4. Meeting Needs Through Impersonal Methods
  - We must use our resources to empower people to meet needs personally
  - A common tendency is to give through organizations that help the needy.
  - Denies us opportunity to connect with the lost and share Christ's love and provision with them personally
5. Being Too Quick to Lead Someone in a Prayer of Repentance
  - We must ask new disciples to count the cost.
  - We do not need to fear losing them.
  - We must recognize that Christ does the work and not us.
6. Waiting for the Church to Start a Ministry
  - We want to empower people (you) to serve God through your passions. You must initiate the process.
  - The church is to support you and equip you to fulfill your passionate service to God.
  - The church can help you discover that passion.
7. Putting Other Things Above the Great commission
  - All that we do will flow from fulfilling this command
  - When we let other things come first then the mission of the church is distorted
  - Our spiritual battle centers around this command and we must never forsake this battle.

## How Do We Grow the Church?

### **Jesus' Job:**

To Build His Church (Matthew 16:18)

### **Our Job:**

To Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

## Whose job are you doing?

We must focus our energy on what Jesus has instructed us to do and be confident that He will do what He said He would do.

### **Some Suggestions for New Soul Winners**

- Start with prayer
- Be natural and relaxed
- If possible have a silent prayer partner
- Be sensitive to any questions that are asked
- Close well
- Re-state the basics of the Gospel

Our job is to examine ourselves first and develop our spiritual disciplines.

We must seek the lost in prayer and ask God to lead us into Holy Spirit led encounters with the lost.

We must be ready to act when the opportunity presents itself.

We must be seeking the opportunity at all times.

## **Discerning Spiritual Attitudes**

The pattern below is a tool that has been developed to help you to see where your disciple is on their personal walk with God. While this pattern is not a step by step mandate, it is useful in seeing if your disciple is progressing.

**Find your spiritual life on this scale then find your disciple on this scale.**

**Prior to the new birth your focus should be on answering questions and sharing the Gospel. After the new birth your focus will shift to personal spiritual disciplines and making disciples.**

**Notice that incorporation into the body comes after a personal decision. This is the pattern set down for us in Scripture and the early Church.**

**Bringing a disciple into the Body too early can cause confusion and shift the focus off the Gospel message.**

- +5 Stewardship
- +4 Communion with God
- +3 Conceptual and behavioral growth
- +2 Incorporation into Body
- +1 Post-decision evaluation

### **New Birth**

- 1 Repentance and faith in Christ
- 2 Decision to act
- 3 Personal problem recognition
- 4 Positive attitude towards Gospel
- 5 Grasp implications of Gospel
- 6 Awareness of fundamentals of Gospel
- 7 Initial awareness of Gospel
- 8 Awareness of supreme being, no knowledge of Gospel

## **Preparing Your Disciples to Evangelize**

### **Three Key Steps:**

- Motivation (***Passion***) – a determined response to achieve an accepted goal.
- Accountability (***Coaching***) – responsible to accomplish specific goals.
- Training – (***Teaching***) information (*what*) and instruction (*how*).

**You have been given all authority to go and make disciples. Your authority comes from the risen Christ. Keep it simple and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.**

**Prepare yourself through self-examination**

**Develop your spiritual disciplines**

**Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in making Disciples**

**Watch for God given opportunities**

**Prepare yourself to be able to act on these opportunities**

**God is responsible for the results you are responsible for the preparation**

**Your results are guaranteed –**

**Mat 7:11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**Now Go – Make Disciples**