



DISCIPLESHIP

1. **Definition**

- to be a disciple of one,
- to follow his precepts and instructions
- to become a pupil; enroll as scholar
- to teach, to instruct

2. **There are three main areas or principles in discipleship**

1. Relationships
2. Teaching
3. Service

3. **Relationships**

- Barnabus and Paul, and, later, Paul and Timothy, where the elder, more experienced Christian takes the inexperienced Christian under his wing
- Barnabus was Paul's superior in the experience and knowledge of the Word.
- Discipleship equals friendship with a Christ-centered focus.
- It is very important that we make disciples in His image, not ours.

4. **Teaching**

- We are all called, as a church, to teach one another
- Although the Spirit will lead, it is still our responsibility to learn and grow, and then to teach others
- The focus must be to teach the basics first--how to study the Bible, how to pray, how to worship, essential doctrine, etc

5. **Service**

- We are all called to put our faith into practice
- Service is how we live our lives and model His character on a daily basis to those around us
- We must be doers of the Word

6. Facts about disciples

- A disciple is willing to grow in Christ! 2 Peter 1:5-7
- Discipling is not an option--it is a command – Mt 28:19
- A disciple has surrendered himself to His Lordship - 1 Pt 4:2
- A disciple is honest with God and others - 1 Jhn 1:9
- A disciple knows his abilities, gifts, and talents - 1 Pt 4:10
- A disciple is willing to submit to Authority - 1 Pt 2:13-15
- A disciple is infused with humility - Jms 4:10
- A disciple will not be critical or have a bad attitude - 1 Cor 13:4-5
- A disciple is not greedy - Luke 12:15
- A disciple confesses sin and repents from it - 2 Cor 12:9
- A disciple is discerning - Jms 4:7
- A disciple loves people and the lost - 2 Pt 3:9
- A disciple is a person who forgives – Mat 5:46
- A disciple is willing to endure hardships and consider them as growth opportunities - Jms 1:2-4
- A disciple is faithful - Mat 25:29
- A disciple is a server with a servant heart who leads by servant hood - Eph 2:10

7. Summary

John 13:35

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."