

Disciple-Making Plan

Making Disciples Who Make Disciples

Matthew 4:19 “And He (Jesus) said to them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

This is probably the most direct definition of a disciple that you will find in Scripture. Here Jesus extends an invitation (*follow me*), calls for growth and equipping (*I will make you*), and gives us the privilege to participate in His ministry (*fishers of men*).

West Conroe Baptist Church desires to follow the commands of Christ and lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ. We use a simple tool to help us accomplish this. It is called the Discipleship Pathway. Using the pathway, you can take next steps in your own spiritual growth, but also help others do the same.

Your tools in the Discipleship Pathway include: Prayer, The Bible, Witness, Fellowship, and Evaluation



The first step is to help people discover who Jesus of the Bible is and what He has done for them. This is where everyone begins. You, me, and every Christian believer begin at this step at one time or another. We see in John 1:35-39 where Jesus invited people to “Come and See” who He was. Below are some guidelines to help you lead people to discover who Jesus is.

DISCOVER a personal relationship with Christ

Prayer: Pray that God would lead you to someone whom you can share the Gospel with.
Pray for “FRAN’s” (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, and Neighbors).
Pray that God would open their heart (Acts 16:14 & Ephesians 1:18-23).
When sharing with someone ask them to pray that God would reveal Himself to them.

Bible: Do they have a Bible? Would they like one?
Lead them to read the “Roman Road” – Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, and 10:8-10. Share!
Lead them to read John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-7. Share!

Witness: Use your training from “Can We Talk” to share the Gospel with them.

Fellowship: Invite them to a West Conroe BC worship service.
Invite them to attend your Life Group.
Invite them to attend a Life Group fellowship or fun church event.

Evaluate: Where are they in their spiritual journey?
Do you see conviction of the Holy Spirit leading them to make a decision for Christ?
Are there resources they need to help them answer questions they have?
Are they open to follow-up conversations?

Resources: “Can We Talk” evangelism training. Contact WCBC offices 936.760.1911 for more information
WCBC Worship services
“More Than a Carpenter” by Josh McDowell – located in the Home Pointe Area
Evangelism Tracts – located in Worship Center foyer & Adult Rotunda

The next step calls for the person you have connected with to make a decision for Christ. It is not enough to just know the facts about Jesus, but a commitment to Him is called for. Jesus ask people to “follow Me.” We see this in John 10:27-28. Below are some guidelines to help you lead them to a commitment to Christ.

CONNECT to Christ and His Church

Prayer: Ask for discernment on how to continue sharing with the person you have connected with.
Pray that this person will receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Ask the person to continue to pray that God will reveal Himself.

Bible: Read Matthew 10:32 to them. Share what it means to confess Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Read Ephesians 2:8 to them. Help them understand grace.

Witness: Lead them to express a prayer of, belief in Jesus Christ, and receiving Him as Savior and Lord.
Share what has happened now that they have received Jesus as Savior and Lord.
Help them understand the reason for Believer’s Baptism (it is a public profession of faith).
Share how church membership will help them grow in their new faith.
Ask them to share their decision to follow Christ with their family and friends.

Fellowship: Invite them to attend a West Conroe BC worship service and “come forward” at the service.
Invite them to participate in your Life Group.
Invite them to attend a Life Group fellowship or fun church event.

Evaluate: Do they have assurance of their salvation? (1 John 5:13)
Are they open to meet with a minister of West Conroe BC to get answers to their questions?
What kind of follow-up is needed? (Believers Baptism, Church Membership)

Resources: “33 Things That Happened at Salvation” – located in Home Pointe.
West Conroe BC Membership Class – first Sunday of every month located in Home Pointe.
WCBC Believers Baptism – candidates can contact church office 936.760.1911.
“Can We Talk” evangelism training – contact WCBC office 936.760.1911 for more information.

There are many people who are trying to live the Christian life instead of disciplining themselves under the leading of the Holy Spirit to live the life Christ calls us to. We all need to grow in Christ-likeness, develop the intentionality of a godly lifestyle, and take hold of the means to do so under the direction of the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 4:19 Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." The "I will make you," statement from Jesus implies growth and equipping need to take place. Below are some guidelines to help you lead people to grow and become equipped in their faith.

GROW in my faith

Prayer: Lead them to an understanding on how to pray (Matthew 6:5-15).

Pray in their presence often so they see how you pray.

Ask them to pray for their family and friends who need Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Give them the "Family Prayer Guide" – located in Home Pointe.

Bible: Teach them how to study the Bible and how it helps us grow (Ephesians 4:15 & 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Share what a devotional life is and show them how to do it.

Show them passages of Scripture that speak of the Holy Spirit and how He guides us.

Invite them to participate in Wednesday Family Nights.

Witness: Encourage them to share their decision to follow Christ with their family and friends.

Ask them to invite family and friends to a WCBC worship service.

Fellowship: Invite them to WCBC worship services.

If they have not done so, encourage them to become a member of WCBC & a Life Group.

Evaluate: Do they have a good understanding of their new faith in Christ?

Determine if they are continuing to take their next steps to grow in Christ.

Are they encountering frustrations? Find ways to encourage them, especially through prayer.

Resources: "New Believers – Next Steps, a Guide to Growing in Christ" – located in Home Pointe

Wednesday Family Night

Right Now Media – register for this free resource at wcbc.us (follow link on main page)

Home Pointe resources (Personal Spiritual Growth, Marriage, & Parenting resources)

Life Groups

WCBC Worship services

Weekday Bible studies

Ladies, Men's, & Singles Ministries

WCBC Bible Devotionals – located throughout the church facilities

Discipleship Pathway - "Basics of the Christian Life" located at wcbc.us (next step discipleship)

Discipleship Essentials by Ogden (Adult Ministry has copies – 936.760.1911)

GROW in my faith (continued)

Becoming Equipped

Prayer: Ask them to pray how they should participate in the mission Christ gave us to make disciples.

Bible: Show them Scripture references that relate to the mission of making disciples.
Relate how making disciples is the highest priority given to the Church (Matthew 28:19-20).
Read 1 Corinthians 12 and explain spiritual gifts.

Witness: Invite them to participate in “Can We Talk,” evangelism training.
Explain the Discipleship Pathway to them.
Ask them to participate in Serve Central to discover their spiritual gifting.

Fellowship: Make sure they have participated in Membership Class.
Ask them to become a member of a Life Group and consider serving in one.

Evaluate: Do they understand WCBC’s mission statement?

Resources: “Can We Talk,” evangelism training – contact WCBC office 936.760.1911 for more information.
Serve Central
Wednesday Family Night
Life Groups
Discipleship Pathway – “Making Disciples” located at wcbc.us (Next Step Discipleship)
Transforming Discipleship by Ogden (Adult Ministry office has copies -936.760.1911)

In John 15:15 Jesus says He chose us so that we would “bear fruit.” The Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy that there are some who are always learning, but never putting any action to their faith. We also see in James that the writer shares, “faith without works is dead.” Reading a few verses in Scripture make it plain to see, that as Christians we are to use our gifts, abilities, and passions to serve Christ in His mission to make disciples.

MULTIPLY by using my gifts and abilities

Prayer: Together pray for those who need to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Ask God to help you produce fruit by being obedient to His command to make disciples.

Pray for specific ways in which you can serve in West Conroe BC, community, & the world.

Bible: Together read John 15:16 and discuss what it means to “bear fruit.”

Read John 15:5 and discuss what it means to “abide” in Christ.

Read Matthew 10:16 and discuss why we need to be “shrewd?” (Hint: spiritual warfare)

Read 2 Timothy 2:2 and discuss what it means to make disciples who make disciples.

Together study the Discipleship Pathway resource – “Making Disciples” & “Basics of Christian Life”
(located at wcbc.us – next step discipleship)

Witness: Participate in Can We Talk.

Use the Discipleship Pathway to make disciples together.

Serve in the WCBC church body.

Serve in one of the many community teams together.

Serve on a mission team together.

Fellowship: Together reach out to others by inviting them to WCBC worship services.

Get together to share how God is working in your life.

Hold one another accountable in bearing fruit, abiding in Christ, and serving out of wisdom.

Invite other growing Christians to join you in making disciples using the Discipleship Pathway.

Evaluate: Are you both still producing fruit by making disciples?

Resources: “Can We Talk,” evangelism training

Wednesday Family Night

Mission opportunities

WCBC Ministry & Mission equipping and training opportunities

Discipleship Pathway resource – “Making Disciples.” – found at wcbc.us (next step discipleship)

Leadership Essentials by Ogden (Adult Ministries has copies - 936.760.1911)

Four Chair Discipling by Spader (Adult Ministries has copies - 936.760.1911)

QUESTIONS

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