

Church Provides Discipleship -- Members in Small Groups

A. Disciples _____ Jesus

1. When we encounter Jesus, we meet a man who calls us to...
 - a. come and _____ [Mark 8:34-35]
 - b. to follow him & _____ from him [Matthew 4:19, 11:29]

2. The only requirement that has tremendous blessing...
 - a. repent of rebelling against God & cling to Him through _____ [Mark 1:14-15]
 - b. _____ forgiveness of our sins & reconciliation to God [Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 1 John 1:9]

3. Those who follow Jesus by faith are known as his disciples - we are either following Jesus or we aren't - _____ [Matthew 10:38, 12:30, Matthew 16:24-28, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23]

B. Disciples _____ Jesus

1. As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus'...
 - a. _____ [John 13:34]
 - b. _____ [Matthew 4:19]
 - c. _____ [Philippians 2:5-7]
 - d. _____ [John 13:14]
 - e. _____ [1 Peter 2:21]
 - f. _____ to the Father [1 John 2:3-6]

2. Since Jesus is our teacher, we are to _____ from him & strive in the _____ of the Holy Spirit to become like him [Luke 6:40]

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3. This growth in Christ-likeness is a _____ endeavor that is fueled by the hopeful expectation that one day we will see him face to face [1 John 3:2-3]

C. Disciples _____ Follow Jesus

1. Part of being his follower is to _____ help others learn from him & become more like him - to help others follow him - to be a disciple that makes disciples happens in two particular ways...

a. _____ - proclaiming and portraying the gospel in our neighborhood & among the nations [Matthew 28:19-20]

b. _____ - helping other believers grow in Christ-likeness

1. Jesus has _____ his church

2. we are called to _____ each other about Christ [Romans 15:14] & to _____

others who are following Christ [1 Corinthians 4:16, 11:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9]

3. we are to _____ pour into other disciples so they can pour into still others [2 Timothy 2:1-2]

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D. Disciples _____ Build Relationships

1. Naturally occurs in the _____ community of the local church [Acts 2:42-47, 14:21-22]

2. _____, but _____
 - a. _____ [Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25]
 - b. _____ [i.e., intense discipleship]

3. _____, but _____
 - a. every moment _____ an opportunity [Deuteronomy 6:7]
 - b. we are commanded to _____ be prepared [1 Peter 3:15]

4. Discipleship should involve _____ times of reading, praying, confessing, encouraging, and challenging each other to become more like Christ

E. Disciples Depend Upon _____

1. Apart from the sustaining & empowering grace of God we can do _____ [John 15:5]

2. God's grace _____ as we seek to follow Jesus together & daily be _____ into his glorious image [Romans 8:28-29; 2 Corinthians 3:18]