

Woman's Auxiliary Fall Luncheon
Growing in Our Faithfulness to Disciple

1. What does the Bible say about the call to Discipleship?

Matthew 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Ephesians 4:13-16 “until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

Colossians 1:28 “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

Psalms 27:17 “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

2. What is Discipleship?

“...discipling really is just a bunch of church members taking responsibility to prepare one another for glory...”¹

Teaching and leading women to live faithfully and fruitfully

Titus 2:3-5 “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled”.

¹ *Discipling: How to help others follow Jesus*: by Mark Dever: Crossway 2016 p. 86

3. Discipleship in Practice

- Seek out a younger woman
- Choose a casual location- coffee, walk...
- Start with “chit-chat” and lead into testimony
- Ask questions about her life that eventually help you get to know her heart
- Help her learn to apply Gospel truth to her everyday life (See Resource Handout)
- Share your own sins, weaknesses, failures and limitations
- Encourage her walk with Christ!
- Seek forgiveness
- Be patient
- Rejoice and weep with her
- Pray ...

4. The Beautiful Privilege of Discipleship

***Psalm 144:12** “May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace”*

5. The Meaningful Process of Discipleship (*from a mentee’s perspective*)

*The **practices** which have meant the most in my relationships with mentors:*

- They **listened** to my story.
- They took the time to **understand** my current context/season of life.
- They asked **thoughtful questions** that took the focus off themselves and **onto the Lord**.
- They **taught**.
- They were **godliness on display**– a **role model**.
- They **celebrated** and pointed out my spiritual growth.
- They were **patient**.
- They **prayed** for me.