



Continues to exhibit the fruit of spiritual growth

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-7, Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:5,8

- The disciple participates in educational opportunities in the church
- The disciple develops in his/her knowledge of scripture
- The disciple shares the things he/she learns from the Holy Spirit
- The disciple has a lifetime exhibition of character that reflects God
- The disciple desires to share his/her spiritual growth by leading a small group or educational opportunity
- The disciple, no matter what their spiritual age, he/she possess a teachable spirit
- The disciple consistently displays the fruit of the Spirit



Obeys God as revealed in Scripture

Scripture: John 14:15, 1 John 2:5, John 15:10

- The disciple possesses a passionate desire to know the Word of God
- The disciple regularly shares with others the truths God has revealed to him/her
- The disciple lives a life in harmony with the scripture
- The disciple shares with others the life adjustments that have been made in his/her life
- The disciple is convicted of sin, repents and receives forgiveness.
- The disciple models obedience to the word of God



Makes disciples

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20, Hebrews 10:24-25

- The disciple is a growing, giving and serving Christian.
- The disciple understands the need to make disciples for Jesus Christ
- The disciple takes steps to invest their life in others in order to make disciples for Jesus Christ
- The disciple makes disciples
- The disciple is intentional in using opportunities to make disciples

What Is A Disciple Of Jesus Christ?

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

*“Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. ”***

The West Valley Missionary Church has the responsibility to make disciples. We asked the question, “What is a disciple?”

After examining the scriptures here are eight characteristics that best describe a disciple.

A disciple is someone that.....



Knows Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord

Scripture: Romans 10:9, 8-13; John 3:16; Acts 16:3; John 3:36

- The new disciple has been baptized
- The new disciple verbally confesses Jesus as his/her Lord and savior
- The new disciple's life reflects a transformed life
- The new disciple is convicted of sin and repents of sin



Shares the Gospel

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:19b-20; Romans 10:14, Matthew 5:14

- The disciple has a desire to know the finer points of sharing his/her faith
- The disciple has a list of lost people that God has laid on his/her heart
- The disciple prepares a intentional strategy for sharing their faith with pre-Christian friends
- The disciple shares their faith with others
- The disciple has a positive reputation
- The disciple knows scripture relating to sharing one's faith
- The disciple is sensitive to the Holy Spirit
- The disciple is excited about his/her faith in God
- The disciple is actively bringing people to church



Worships God

Scripture: Psalm 95:6-7, Matthew 22:37

- The disciple has a proper understanding of worship
- The disciple values the role corporate worship plays in life
- The disciple values the role private worship plays in life
- The disciple participates in corporate worship services
- The disciple encourages others to worship God
- The disciple protects the spiritual discipline of worship
- The disciple respects others
- The disciple feels a part of the church

- The disciple will want to worship
- The disciple has an expectant attitude to see God work



Gives Faithfully

Scripture: Malachi 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Luke 21:2

- The disciple concerns him/herself with the needs of the body of Christ
- The disciple tithes and verbally affirms the practice.
- The disciple gives of their resources to the ministries focused on building the Kingdom of God.
- The disciple challenges other believers to faithfully give to the church
- The disciple discovers their spiritual gifts and is using them in the body of Christ
- The disciple is willing to be held accountable



Loves believers and loves others

Scripture: 1 John 3:23, John 15:12-13, John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

- The disciple does not trash others
- The disciple makes time with others
- The disciple helps others with struggles
- The disciple prays for himself and others
- The disciple lives out the love "one anothers" in scripture
- The disciple does not demand rights
- The disciple is not judgmental
- The disciple is honest
- The disciple shows interest
- The disciple confronts others in love



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