

**Growing People through Discipleship**

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[Acts 2:42](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-2-42/) - *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*



Why should you start a Discipleship Program?

1. Because God commands it.

Matthew 28:20a, *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*…

1. Because it provides spiritual growth for the new convert.
2. Because it’s a tool to get new believers faithful to church.
3. Because it gives church members a place to serve.

How to start a Discipleship Program

1. Have a time to meet

We meet Sunday evenings at 5:00. It’s best to have the discipleship class prior to a service so that they can stay for the church service.

1. Have a place to meet

We have designated rooms for discipleship.

1. Have a program

We start at 5:00 PM with prayer request. We have a designated worker to write down all prayer request and then we pray over them. Prayer time usually goes for about 15 minutes.

At 5:15 PM, we dismiss for the training time. Those going over lessons 1-10 will be trained one-on-one. Once they start lesson 11, they are in a classroom setting for the advanced and premier levels.

1. Have a time to train your workers

We have a 10-minute training time before starting the discipleship lessons. I try to give Scripture to help us to know how God expects us to live. We also use this time to discuss any issues that we might be experiencing.

1. Have good teaching material

We use the *One Steps* program, written by Pastor Mike Ray and Pastor Mike Wells.

1. Have good records for each student

We use a form for their name, address and phone number. There is also space to mark off when they complete a lesson.

1. Have assigned trainers

Most of our trainers are those who went through the program.

1. Promote the class in the church service

We announce our Discipleship Program in each service.

1. Have certificates of completion

We give out three certificates of completion: Basic, lessons 1-10, given out in the class; Advanced, lessons 10-26, given out in class; Premier, lessons 26-43, given out in the church service.

1. As the student completes all the discipleship classes, they would have attended church faithfully for one year