

Series Overview:

- Matt 16:18, Jesus will build His Church on the testimony of who He is!
- Matt 28:19-21, commissioned to be and make disciples!
- Acts 2:42-47, the church lived out: committed to God, each other, prayer, fellowship, service, etc.

Ephesians 2:20-22 (NLT) — “Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. 22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.”

Week 1: What is a Disciple – Matthew 4:19

- One committed to FOLLOW Jesus.
- One committed to be CHANGED by Jesus.
- One committed to the MISSION of Jesus.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

The Big Idea: Christlikeness is the target. Spiritual maturity happens in relationship and through an intentional process.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NLT) — ¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 5:1–2 (NLT) — ¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Living out the MISSION of Jesus produces Spiritual Maturity in us. *Acts 2:42–47*

SHARE : sharing the gospel with the lost and sharing our lives with others

- REACH THE LOST: _____
- Listening, _____

CONNECT : connecting believers with God and other believers

- CHASE THE STRAYS: _____

- CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED: _____

MINISTER : shepherding and caring for people, and training others to do the same

- Ministering and _____
- Helping _____

DISCIPLE : disciple others by identifying, equipping, encouraging, and releasing them to make disciples who make disciples of Jesus: IDENTIFY, EQUIP, AND RELEASE DISCIPLES

- Encourage and equipping _____
- FUNCTION AS A TEAM _____

Everyone Christian is in the process of Spiritual Maturity.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT) — ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

- Spiritually Dead: _____
- Spiritual Infant: _____
- Spiritual Child: _____
- Spiritual Young Adult: _____
- Spiritual Parent: _____

Review Points

1. Become/Live out my life a Disciple of Jesus: Following-Changed-On Mission.
2. Share-Connect-Minister-Disciple others in all areas of my life.
3. Realize that myself and others are in a process of spiritual growth, each of us different.

Next Steps & Discussion Questions

1. Become a Disciple of Christ Jesus, making Him Lord and Savior of my life.
2. Identify in in what ways are you following and being changed by Jesus?
3. In what ways are you learning to follow and is Jesus changing your heart and life?
4. Looking at the relationships and environments in your life, where are you sharing, connecting, ministering, and discipling others? Where do you struggle?
5. Realizing that you and others are all in the process of spiritual growth, how does that change your perspective of yourself and others?
6. When it comes of maturing as a disciple of Jesus, where are you growing and where are you struggling?