



## **“DISCIPLESHIP & MENTORING” Raising Laborers for the Harvest**

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- Man save drowning girl...daughter king...rice on tile floor palace
  - Want church grow...people saved and grow them up spiritually, making disciples of people already in church—Matthew 28:19-20
  - 2 Timothy 2:2
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### **Systematic 1) Follow-up, 2) Discipleship and 3) Mentoring**

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#### **1) Follow-up**

*“Follow-up is not something, it is someone...it is not a program or procedure, but a process involving people.”*

- ✓ Follow-up: contacting people who made decisions for Jesus Christ within a few days.
  - ✓ Personal visits...male with male...female with female...go in 2's
  - ✓ Visiting and meeting with people for fellowship, food, activities, etc. Simply sharing life-on-life. Meeting in their homes, restaurants, etc.
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#### **2) Discipleship**

*“What the Lord wants are disciples, not decisions.”*

→ Matthew 9: 37-38

Discipleship: continual in-depth nurturing and strengthening of new and/or undeveloped Christians over a long, slow period of time until they have a foundation built.

- a) Home Bible Studies & Church Bible Studies...whether from the pulpit and/or small groups (**one month per topic**)
- b) Simple, practical, fundamental topics...**FREE Bible study info on our website**

-Assurance of salvation

- Bible study...how to study the Bible
- Prayer
- The Holy Spirit
- Identity in Christ
- Church membership and service
- Baptism
- Worship
- Witnessing
- Tithing
- The Christian Family
- Basic Church Doctrines and Practices

**Advantage** of Home Bible Studies is relationships built with Christians and neighbors...relational evangelism.

- c) **Time period** suggested to establish a spiritual foundation for all Christians is **12-month minimum**. Can happen in church services, small groups, one-on-one, etc.
- d) **Selection** of Follow-up/Discipleship Committee Leaders.
  - To oversee the entire follow-up/discipleship process.
  - For accountability for Pastors and church members to make sure it is done efficiently and completely.

### 3) Mentoring

- ✓ Mentoring: a form of discipleship where a mature Christian spends continual one-on-one time with new or undeveloped Christians for a long, slow period of time, one-year, until they have developed a solid, spiritual life foundation.
- ✓ Jesus Christ mentored the original 12 disciples, they then mentored others, and so on.

→ Multiplication factor.

*"More time with less people equals a greater impact." BSU motto*

*"Don't be satisfied with a saved soul and a wasted life."*

#### a) *Spiritual Nurturing & Accountability*

- Prayer together

- Read Bible together...assign Bible lessons and topics to be reviewed
- Accountability questions on spiritual disciplines, family, temptations, etc.

**b) *Life Sharing***

- Sharing on deeper personal, emotional levels...victories, defeats, hopes, dreams, sins, etc. Being real and transparent.
- Spending time working, walking, drinking coffee, in their homes, etc...time together outside of just church activities.

**c) *Personal Evangelism Training*...FREE evangelism materials on our website**

- Each Pastor and church member involved in the discipleship and mentoring process will need to learn an evangelism strategy. Then, they can train the new Christians in personal evangelism and so on. (see “Sharing The Gospel” personal evangelism strategy)

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- ✓ **Time period** suggested for one-on-one mentoring is a 12-month minimum...12-months of both small group discipleship and one-on-one mentoring.
  - ✓ **Selection** of Mentoring Committee Leaders.
    - To oversee the entire Mentoring process.
    - For accountability for Pastors and church members to make sure it is done efficiently and completely.

Jesus Christ said, “Then He said to ***His disciples***, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:37-38)—**said to His disciples**