

Fundamentals of Our Faith from the Beginning
Understanding the Church
The Mission of the Church (Part Two): Discipleship/ Formation

Warm Up

1. What normally comes to mind when you think of “discipleship”?
2. How are discipleship and evangelism different? On the other hand, how are they connected?
3. What is Discipleship?... Discipleship is following Jesus in obedience and helping others to do the same.

Read Matthew 28:18-20

4. What does Jesus command his followers to do (vs 19)?
5. According to verses 19-20, how do Jesus’ followers disciple the nations? (By doing what?)
6. Discuss the command to disciple *by baptizing*... what are the implications for new believers? For youth?
7. Discuss the command to disciple *by teaching obedience*... What will this require?
8. Why are these two aspects (baptizing and teaching obedience) essential elements of the Great Commission? What might happen if they were neglected?
9. Based on this text, who is expected to be discipling others?
10. Discuss the various spheres where this takes place... How do we disciple in: The home? The church? The public and/or civil sphere?

Read 2 Peter 1:1-11

11. Are Christians expected to grow as Christ-followers? Why or why not?
12. What is the result of growing as a disciple (vs 10)?
13. What is the result of not growing (vs 9)?
14. When is that growth completed? In other words, when is discipleship no longer needed? (Cross-reference Philippians 3:12-14).
15. How do verses 1-4 give hope and confidence for our growth as Christians?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16 and Romans 15:14

16. According to Ephesians 4:15, how do we “grow up”?
17. According to Ephesians 4:16, who does the work of “building up”?
18. What does Paul say about the Roman Christians in Romans 15:14?
19. Why are they able to instruct one another in Romans 15:14?

Hebrews 5:12-14

20. What is the indictment in this passage?
21. How does the picture of being on “milk” when we should be on “solid food” help to illustrate the problem?
22. How do you get off of “milk” and onto “solid food”?