

# A Pastor's Role in Discipleship

## "How to Lead in Disciple Making"

Pastors need biblical inspiration and practical information to assist them in leading the church in intentional, measurable and reproducible discipleship.

*"Disciple making guides people to be transformed into Christ likeness; so they think and act like Jesus Christ." --Claude King*

### ➤ **Making Disciples is Biblical**

- Evangelism and Discipleship is every pastor's business.

*Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)*

A pastor's example as a committed follower of Jesus will be essential if your church is to become a disciple-making church.

- Pastors are called to be a disciple and a disciple-maker.

*"If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed." 1 Timothy 4:6 (NKJV)*

### ➤ **Making Disciples Must be Intentional** – "When you fail to plan; you plan to fail!"

#### **Three important questions for every pastor:**

1. How do you disciple new Christians in your church?
2. What ongoing process does your church use to make disciples?
3. Who is responsible for discipleship in your church?

### ➤ **Making Disciples Should Be Measurable** – "Expect what you inspect."

#### **You can measure discipleship by at least three ways:**

- **Participation** (Attendance of Sunday School, discipleship training classes, one on one studies, retreats, seminars, etc.)
- **Performance** (Accountability in areas such as memorization, out of class study/practice and faithful service in areas of ministry.)
- **Personal Testimony** (Proof is in the pudding - observable transformation in attitudes and actions. Willingness to help disciple others. People can see a difference!)

➤ **Making Disciples Must be Reproducible** – “You cannot do it alone!”

*“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)*

- Enlist learners to become leaders. (Cast a vision for multiplication. Challenge learners to continue as leaders and assist leaders in discipleship.)
- Choose good resources.
  - Great Commission Possible: Transformational Discipleship (brochure)
  - Your Church Growing Disciples (brochure)
  - *Stepping Stones to Disciple Making in Your Church*
  - *New Life in Christ*, Volumes, 1 & 2
  - *I'm A Christian Now!* Younger and Older Children (LifeWay)

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One way discipleship could be improved in my church: \_\_\_\_\_  
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