

The Discipleship Director – Starting Right, Serving Well

Things the Discipleship Director should know:

- The Director should become familiar with available discipleship resources
- The Director should get to know the available leaders.
- The Director should understand how the discipleship process fits into the life of the church.
- The Director should get to know the major areas of discipleship which need the greatest focus in his or her church family.

Things the Discipleship Director should do:

- Work with the pastor / staff / team to develop a comprehensive discipleship process for the church.
- Enlist mature Christians to lead discipleship courses.
- Enlist assistants to help with records and storing/distributing discipleship resources.
- Plan out a calendar of courses that will, over time, encompass:
 - New believers / New church members
 - Abiding in Christ / Growing in faith
 - Living in the Word / Biblical literacy
 - Prayer / Spiritual disciplines
 - Marriage, Parenting and Fellowship with Believers
 - Ministry and Service
 - Sharing one's faith
- Provide materials and meeting space.
- Promote discipleship within the church.
- Encourage leaders.
- Evaluate the process.

Personal Practices of the Discipleship Director:

- Pray consistently
- Participate in the discipleship process and training opportunities
- Persevere as a servant-leader
- Partner with the pastor, staff and other discipleship leaders.

The Pastor's & Minister of Education's Role in Supporting the Discipleship Director

- Pray for the Discipleship Director – keep an open line of communication.
- Provide the Director with a clear set of guidelines and expectations.
- Support the Director by:
 - Offering words of praise and encouragement
 - Recognize and uplift other Discipleship leaders
 - Help the Director in procuring space and resources for courses
 - Help with publicity and promotion
 - Visit discipleship classes
 - Offer to help lead classes as time permits
 - Inform the Director of beneficial training opportunities
 - Help the Director connect with association and state leaders
 - Provide input / suggestions as to course offerings
 - Set meeting times for evaluation and brain-storming
 - Avoid the trap of micro-managing the Director
 - Be an Ephesians 4:12 minister
 - Praise in public / critique in private
- Make Discipleship a visible and viable priority in your church.