## Be Intentional about Growing GREAT COMMISSION DISCIPLES...

• Pray:

Ask God to bless the ministry in a powerful way. Ask Him to give you the wisdom to make decisions that will help lead believers to become more like Jesus.

- Enlist a Person to serve as Discipleship Director/Team Leader: This should be a spiritually maturing person who has a vision to help people become transformed into the likeness of Christ. He or she should also be a person who builds relationships, sees potential in others and can build a team of discipleship leaders. Team members might include the Pastor, Minster of Education, Minister of Youth, and some or all of the age-group Discipleship leaders.
- Determine approaches for discipleship experiences:
  - On Going Group Studies
  - Short term/Special Interest Studies
  - Individual Studies
  - Mentoring (One on one, One on two, One on Three)
  - Large Groups Emphasis
- Determine which discipleship topics/options you will offer: This can be determined by:
  - Knowing needs of your members
  - Focus groups and interviews
  - Conducting a spiritual growth survey of your members <u>www.alsbom.org/discipleship</u>
- Enlist your leaders:

Seek to enlist persons who are maturing spiritually and who have a passion for the area in which you are asking them to lead.

- Train Leaders: Lead them through *Discipleship—Stepping Stones to Developing* Your Church's Discipleship Strategy.
- **Determine your church's discipleship strategy**: Your associational Discipleship Training Director and the office of Sunday School & Discipleship staff can assist you.
- Help believers "Connect" to discipleship opportunities: Utilize a Discipleship Ministry Fair, testimonies, announcements fron the pulpit, your church website, emails, Facebook etc.



Starting or improving a **Discipleship Ministry** in your church is one of the most important decisions you can make! The major purpose of a **Discipleship Ministry** is to help believers continue growing to become more like Jesus!

The office of **Sunday School & Discipleship of the Alabama State Board of Missions** will assist you in this wonderful adventure with Christ. Contact us now for a complimentary copy of *Discipleship—Stepping Stones to Developing Your Church's Discipleship Strategy*. This book is a resource for you to use in helping disciples become transformed to become more like Christ! Check out the steps inside and begin planting, cultivating, maturing, harvesting Great Commission Disciples.



Alabama Baptist Convention State Board of Missions

This resource made available by gifts of Alabama Baptist through the Cooperative Program.

## Sunday School & Discipleship

2001 East South Boulevard P. O. Box 11870 Montgomery, AL 36111-0870 800-264-1225 OR 334-288-2460 ext. 271 or 313 Email: <u>stucker@alsbom.org</u> <u>sholley@alsbom.org</u> Please visit our Web site at: <u>www.alsbom.org/discipleship</u>

Daniel Edmonds, Director Sonya Tucker, State Missionary Shari Holley, Ministry Assistant

## **GREAT COMMISSION POSSIBLE:** Transformational Discipleship



Stepping Stones to Growing GREAT COMMISSION DISCIPLES in Your Church After you have determined topics and needs for adult disciples, you may want to use one or more of the tracks and resources listed here to begin your ministry. Additional tracks might include Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry. Other principles and planning helps for developing your strategy are found in *Discipleship-Stepping Stones to Developing Your Church's Discipleship Strategy*. Resources are available for each of the tracks through LifeWay Christian Resources or by loan from the SBOM Communications Office. Contact State Missionary, Sonya Tucker by email, <u>stucker@alsbom.org</u> or by phone 800/264-1225 ext. 271 for assistance.





New believers/new church members	The Call To ✤ Follow Christ 7 sessions	<ul> <li>New Life in Christ</li> <li>Vol. 1, 13 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foundations of Faith</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Taking the Next Step 4 sessions</li></ul>
Abide in Christ	<ul> <li>Abide in Christ</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>My Identity in Christ</li> <li>12 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lord Change My Attitude 11 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul><li>The Mind of Christ 13 sessions</li></ul>
Live in the Word	<ul><li>Live in the Word</li><li>6 sessions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Step by Step Through the New</li> <li>Testament</li> <li>13 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Read the Bible for Life (options)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Life in the Spirit</li><li>7 sessions</li></ul>
Pray in Faith	<ul><li>Pray in Faith</li><li>6 sessions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>The Life-Changing</li> <li>Power of Prayer</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disciples Prayer Life</li> <li>13 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire (individual study)</li> </ul>
Fellowship with other Believers	<ul> <li>Fellowship with other Believers</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Five Love</li> <li>Languages</li> <li>to 7 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Secret to the Marriage</li> <li>You Want</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul><li>The Parent Adventure</li><li>7 sessions</li></ul>
Minister to Others	<ul><li>Minister to Others</li><li>6 sessions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Every Member a Minister</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Spiritual Gift: A practical Guide to How God Works through You</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Extreme Love</li><li>7 sessions</li></ul>
Witness to the World	<ul><li>Witness to the World</li><li>6 sessions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Share Jesus without Fear</li> <li>4 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Decision Time:</li> <li>Commitment Counseling</li> <li>6 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>F.A.I.T.H.</li> <li>Evangelism</li> <li>12 sessions</li> </ul>