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.



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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	 New Life in Christ Vol. 1, 13 sessions 	 Foundations of Faith 6 sessions 	Taking the Next Step 4 sessions
Abide in Christ	 Abide in Christ 6 sessions 	 My Identity in Christ 12 sessions 	 Lord Change My Attitude 11 sessions 	The Mind of Christ 13 sessions
Live in the Word	Live in the Word6 sessions	 Step by Step Through the New Testament 13 sessions 	 Read the Bible for Life (options) 	Life in the Spirit7 sessions
Pray in Faith	Pray in Faith6 sessions	 The Life-Changing Power of Prayer 6 sessions 	 Disciples Prayer Life 13 sessions 	 Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire (individual study)
Fellowship with other Believers	 Fellowship with other Believers 6 sessions 	 The Five Love Languages to 7 sessions 	 The Secret to the Marriage You Want 6 sessions 	The Parent Adventure7 sessions
Minister to Others	Minister to Others6 sessions	 Every Member a Minister 6 sessions 	 Spiritual Gift: A practical Guide to How God Works through You 6 sessions 	Extreme Love7 sessions
Witness to the World	Witness to the World6 sessions	 Share Jesus without Fear 4 sessions 	 Decision Time: Commitment Counseling 6 sessions 	 F.A.I.T.H. Evangelism 12 sessions