Growing 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 Ministry Director
 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 Settings for Discipleship:
 - On Going Group Studies
 - Short term/Special Interest Studies
 - Crisis Recovery Groups
 - Individual Studies
 - Mentoring (One on one, One on two, One on Three)
 - Large Groups Emphasis
- Determine Your Discipleship Offerings

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 Leadership

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 Your Leadership Lead them through *Discipleship—Stepping Stones to Developing* Your Church's Discipleship Strategy. Your associational Discipleship Training Director and the Discipleship and Family Ministries staff can assist you.
- Help Believers "Connect" to Discipleship Opportunities
 Utilize a Discipleship Ministry Fair, testimonies, bulletin inserts, announcements from the pulpit, your church website, emails, etc.



Starting 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 people become more like Jesus! The office of Sunday School and 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 disciple making in your church. 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 get off to a great beginning on the journey!



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Because of the huge number of Discipleship resources, you may want to utilize one or more of the tracks listed here to begin your **adult** ministry. Additional tracks might include Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry. Another way to develop your strategy is to use the principles and planning helps in *Discipleship—Stepping Stones to disciple making in your church*. 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.



Spiritual Disciplines Growing Disciples	The Call To Follow Christ 7 sessionsAbide in Christ 6 sessionsPray in Faith
Leadership	Master Life Spiritual Gifts Experiencing God: Jesus on Leadership: Step By Step Through A Disciples Heart Practical guides of How Knowing and Doing Developing Servant Old Testament/New God Works Through You Sessions Fthe Will of God Leaders Testament 12 sessions 6 sessions 13 sessions each
Prayer	 Pray in Faith Disciple's PrayerLife Sessions Disciple's PrayerLife Sessions The Life Changing Power of Prayer Sessions How to Develop a Powerful Prayer Life-The Biblical Path to Holiness and Relationship with God
Doctrine	Foundations of the Faith:
Witness Training	Share Jesus 3:16: The Without Fear Church Experience 4 sessions Church Experience 6 sessions Evangelism
Marriage/Parenting	 The Secret to The Marriage You Want 5 sessions The Family God Uses The Family God Uses Adventure 6 sessions
New Believers/new church members	The Call ToNew Life in ChristFoundations of FaithTaking the Next StepFollow Christ 7 sessionsVol. 1, 13 sessions6 sessions4 sessions