## DIRECTING DISCIPLESHIP WITH SKILL

"Make Disciples!" The command is there in the Great Commission. It was modeled by our Lord as he walked and taught and ministered. Yet, so many Christian leaders and so many research numbers point to the lack of or ineffective discipleship in today's church. How can we work together to find solutions to this problem in our churches? This resource has been developed by a group of leaders who are affecting change in the disciple-making ministries where they serve. Perhaps you and your leaders will discover skills and ideas that will help you develop disciple-making leaders and disciple-making strategies for your church that will result in disciples who are maturing spiritually, ministering to others, sharing their faith, and becoming multipliers.

This resource has been organized to help you develop your discipleship ministry with SKILL

- **S**tart Right, Scriptural Basis: You will find a brief study of discipleship with some biblical background. You will also find articles to help you reflect on the role of the pastor in disciple-making and ways to 'start right' with a discipleship director or team leader.
- Keys to Development Process: What does a disciple look like in your church? What kind of results do you expect? How do you plan an effective disciple-making strategy? You will find how one church focused on disciple-making. You will also find some downloadable resources for help with developing and planning your disciple-making strategy.
- Ideas for Promotion: How many ways can we get the attention of disciples who need to be growing in Christlikeness and developing skills for ministry? Find examples from churches that are making disciples. Other ideas will be added, so check back often.
- <u>Leadership Development: Train! Train! Bring discipleship leaders with you to THE SUMMIT or a Sunday School and Discipleship Regional Conference near you. You will also discover a downloadable resource with leadership coaching questions.</u>
- <u>L</u>eader SKILL Lessons: You will find age-level leader lessons with listening guides to help you walk your leaders through a brief training time. Some of these lessons will also be linked with brief teaching videos.

Let us know how this material has assisted you and your church to help disciples along the lifelong journey toward Christlikeness. Please share ideas with us for future additions to this resource.

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