

## A BLUEPRINT FOR LOCAL CHURCH DISCIPLE MAKING

*“Equipping the church to make disciples”*

Two Primary Scriptures	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Matthew 28:18-20</b></p> <p>And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus commands the church with His authority. The task is not too great because He commands it with His backing.</li> <li>• Make disciples is the primary command of the commission. This happens as we engage people to become followers of Jesus. This is the big picture goal. This primary objective is summarized in people becoming more like Jesus (following) by being a more mature Christian.</li> <li>• The means that Jesus gives for accomplishing this command to make disciples are two-fold, baptizing and teaching what He has commanded.</li> <li>• These two primary means are the two primary stages of our church disciple making blueprint. The soil stage is prepping for baptism. The sapling and strengthening stages are teaching what He commanded.</li> <li>• We should strive to provide a comprehensive curriculum for the church of All that Jesus commanded.</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ephesians 4:11-16</b></p> <p><sup>11</sup> And He gave some <i>as</i> apostles, and some <i>as</i> prophets, and some <i>as</i> evangelists, and some <i>as</i> pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all <i>aspects</i> into Him who is the head, <i>even</i> Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church leadership is given by Jesus to oversee and make this work. This is the organic method. It should not just happen. God’s blueprint includes management.</li> <li>• One primary role of church leaders is to equip the saints to do the work of building the body of Christ. The Pastors are primary equippers.</li> <li>• The primary work of body building is done by the church members.</li> <li>• This work continues until everyone is as mature as Jesus Christ (so it is never ending in this life!). We each strive to build each from grace to grace in each area of Christ-likeness.</li> <li>• There will be stability as a result of the proper functioning of this disciple making spiritual maturity.</li> <li>• We build one another up as we speak the truth in love to one another regarding every aspect of Christ-likeness.</li> <li>• The building up of the body requires each person. The body needs the proper working of every part to build itself.</li> <li>• The greenhouse for all this is love. The church must be filled with Spirit filled members who are more concerned about others than themselves.</li> </ul>

Stages	<p><b>Soil Stage - Get the Word on the soil!</b></p> <p>There is a supernatural power in the Word whereby God’s Spirit brings conviction that leads to faith and repentance. Without the Word getting to the soil, there can be no spiritual life. What are means that we can use to promote this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendships – A primary means the Lord uses to bring people to Himself is our own personality. Introduce your friends to the greatest friend!</li> <li>• Preaching – The Lord uses the means of the Word preached either in one on one contact or in a church setting. How will they hear without a preacher?</li> <li>• Community Involvement – Community Bible studies / seminars / neighborhood mass outreach</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Sapling Stage</b></p> <p>As someone comes to faith in Jesus, the need a mentor relationship with someone else who will help guide them through the initial questions of the faith. This is ideally led by the person who brought them to the Lord. These initial lessons and relationship will help ground someone and encourage them to step into the church’s overall functions of disciple making.</p>
	<p><b>Strengthening Stage</b></p> <p>We are all at this stage. We must all continue to grow in every aspect of Christ-likeness. At Grace we provide this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First of all through systematic exposition of Scripture. We must all be under the preaching of God’s Word.</li> <li>• Secondly, the LIFE Groups curriculum encourages each member and attendee to fully function in building one another up in a small group setting.</li> <li>• Thirdly, we highlight something of a Bible institute in our SS lessons.</li> </ul> <p>Through each of these three avenues, we strive to fulfill the “All things I have commanded you” of the Great Commission.</p>

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<b>SOIL STAGE</b>	<p><b>Do you know God?</b> A five lesson Bible study on the Gospel. Who is God and what is the Gospel?</p>	<p><b>Do you obey God?</b> A four lesson Bible study that covers the topic of morality and the Ten Commandments. Do I need the Gospel?</p>	<p><b>Critical Questions</b> A six lesson Bible study that answers questions that non-Christians have about Christianity and the nature of faith.</p>	<p><b>Biblical Worldview</b> A five lesson overview of Genesis 1-11 and the major foundational differences between a Christian and secular worldview.</p>	<p><b>Who is Jesus?</b> A four lesson survey of the Gospel of Mark.</p>
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### A Person Believes and Repents – Welcome to the Christian Family!

<b>SAPLING STAGE</b>	<p><b>First Steps – Bible Truths for New Christians</b> Disciple Maker from Grace takes a new believer through the Foundations Series (3-6 months)</p>
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### Baptism

<b>GROWTH STAGE</b>	Bible Exposition	LIFE Groups (Loving Individuals Furthering Edification) Church members serve as group guides in groups of 3-4			Sunday School Courses (Led by church elders or teachers.)		
	Every church needs a steady diet of faithful expositional preaching through books of the Bible. The length and sequence of these will vary from church to church based on the pastor-teacher.	Year 1	<b>What does the Bible Say?</b> A Survey of the entire Bible (March – July).	<b>Developing a Daily Devotional Walk</b> An overview of the discipline of prayer and Bible reading Bible study	<b>Becoming a Disciple Maker</b> Overview of disciple making and LIFE Groups	<b>Bibliology for Beginners</b> <b>What does the Bible say about the Bible?</b> Overview of Bibliology)	<b>What is a Bible Driven church?</b> Church membership material.
Year 2	<b>Growing in Grace: A Guide to Christian Sanctification</b> Lessons teaching the what and how of sanctification.	<b>What are the Christian Ordinances?</b> Bible study on Baptism and the Lord's Table.	<b>Managing My Emotions</b> Christian counseling dealing with anger, anxiety and sadness.	<b>Soteriology for Beginners</b> What does the Bible say about Salvation?	<b>Survey of Church History</b> Scenes from Acts - Reformation		
Year 3	<b>Working in the World</b> Christian principles for work.	<b>Dealing with Temptation</b>	<b>Theology for Beginners</b> <b>What does the Bible say about God?</b> Overview of theology proper.	<b>My service in the church</b> How I fit in the local church. Spiritual gifts.	<b>Understanding the Major Religious Systems</b>		
Year 4	<b>How can I know that I have eternal Life?</b> A four-lesson study of I John and the topic of eternal security.	<b>How can I pray the Lord's Prayer?</b> Four lessons that survey the Lord's Prayer	<b>What does the Bible say about Jesus?</b> Overview of Christology	<b>What does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit</b> Overview of Pneumatology	<b>Understanding Contemporary Cults</b>		
Year 5	<b>Fighting Worldliness</b>	<b>Developing Loving Relationships</b>	<b>What does the Bible say about Man and Angels</b>	<b>Overview of Christian Stewardship</b>	<b>Honoring God in Public Worship</b>		
<b>Electives</b>	<b>Parenting Class</b>		<b>2 Peter 1:5-6 (Faith)</b>		<b>Survey of Missions</b>		
	<b>Theology Review</b>		<b>2 Peter 1:5-6 (Self Control)</b>		<b>Survey of Acts</b>		
	<b>Deacon / Elder Training</b>		<b>2 Peter 1:5-6 (Knowledge)</b>		<b>Survey of Romans</b>		
	<b>Marriage Counseling</b>		<b>2 Peter 1:5-6 (Love)</b>		<b>Survey of Sermon on the Mount</b>		