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Disciple-making Ministry

By this my Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit and
so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:8 ESV



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Disciple-making Philosophy of Ministry

"A passionate follower of Jesus Christ who is

CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

"First Baptist Church of Matthews is a community of Christ followers who are **Motivated** by **God's Glory**, **Transformed** by **God's Grace**, and **Empowered** by **God's Spirit**."

This statement reflects what we believe God wants us to be and do as a church.

We desire to be in fellowship with and follow Jesus Christ. We do that as individuals and we do that as a church family because Jesus Christ is the head of the church.

We are **motivated by God's Glory** in worship.

We believe that all of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God. All that we do should be done as an act of worship to God for His glory (Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31).

We are being **transformed by God's Grace** in discipleship.

God transforms us by His grace within a spiritual community. The larger spiritual community is the whole church, but this is made smaller and more intimate through Shepherd Groups, other small groups and one to one (Acts 2:42-47).

We are **empowered by God's Spirit** for ministry, missions, and evangelism.

The Great Commission is to make disciples of all the nations (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20). This begins here in Matthews and extends around the whole world. We can only do this as a church as we are empowered by God's spirit!

"BY HIS GRACE, FOR HIS GLORY"

COME & FOLLOW JESUS

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would **come** after me, let him deny himself and take up his Cross and **follow me**." Matthew 16:24

CHRIST LIKENESS & CONFORMITY

APOLOGETICS & WORLDVIEWS

I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist – N. Geisler

A Ready Defense – Josh McDowell

God is the Issue – Brad Bright

Jesus Among Other Gods – Ravi Zacharias

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Introduction to Biblical Counseling: Part 1 – John MacArthur

Introduction to Biblical Counseling: Part 2 – John MacArthur

Billy Graham Christian Worker's Handbook – B. Graham

CHRIST CENTERED

Living the Cross Centered Life – C.J. Mahaney (4)

What Jesus Demands of the World – John Piper

Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die – John Piper

The Mind of Christ – T. W. Hunt

BIBLE / WORD OF GOD

How to Study the Bible – John MacArthur

Introduction to NT – Mark Dever

Introduction to OT – Mark Dever

Bible Book Studies – (OT & NT books)

SHEPHERD GROUP LEADERS

The Disciple-Making Pastor – Bill Hull

Shepherd Group Leaders Manual – Brad Sallee

STEWARDSHIP

The Treasure Principle – Randy Alcorn

Debt Free Living – Larry Burkett

WITNESS & EVANGELISM

The Gospel According to Jesus – John MacArthur (1)

The Gospel & Personal Evangelism – Mark Dever

The Master Plan of Evangelism – Robert Coleman

Tell the Truth – Will Metzger

ABIDE IN JESUS

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." John 15:4

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIFE & MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Don't Waste Your Life – John Piper (2)

Right Thinking in a World Gone Wrong – J. MacArthur

Worldliness: Resisting the Seduction

of a Fallen World – C. J. Mahaney

Seven Snares of the Enemy – Erwin Lutzer

MINISTRY

S.H.A.P.E. - Your Unique Purpose in Life – E. Rees

Spiritual Warfare – Jerry Rankin

The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment – Tim Challies

MISSIONS

Let the Nations Be Glad – John Piper

To the Ends of the Earth - Jerry Rankin

Find Your Place in God's Plan for the World - D. Sills

The Missionary Call – David Sills

RELATIONSHIPS

(All Men)

The Man God Uses – Henry Blackaby (5)

Humility: True Greatness – C. J. Mahaney

Iron Sharpens Iron: Character in Mentoring - H. Hendricks

Sex, Romance & the Glory of God – C. J. Mahaney

(All Women)

Feminine Appeal – Carolyn Mahaney & Nancy Demoss

Biblical Womanhood in the Home – Nancy Demoss

Beth Moore Bible Studies – Beth Moore

Kay Arthur Studies – Kay Arthur

(Couples)

Different by Design - John MacArthur

Love that Lasts When Marriage Meets Grace - C. J. Mahaney

The Exemplary Husband - Stuart Scott

The Excellent Wife - Martha Peace

DISCIPLE-MAKING TOOLS

These Disciple-Making tracks can be used in several ways to further develop passionate & loving Disciples of Jesus Christ. We recommend these books & study guides be used along side of the Bible by individuals, small groups or Shepherd Groups, so that you can live out all that God has taught us "By His Grace, For His Glory"

God-centered, Spirit-Driven and People-focused"

COME & SEE JESUS

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:46

FBCM MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PROSPECTS & MEMBERS

FBCM Membership Discovery Class—G. Dills / B. Sallee

Find out who we are and what we are about as a church in this 8 week class. This class will cover:

- 1- Discovering your Salvation and Assurance
- 2- Discovering the Application of God's Word and Prayer
- 3- Discovering What God Wants us to Be and Do as a Church
- 4- Discovering God's Financial Principles
- 5- Discovering Key Biblical Doctrines
- 6- Discovering God's Mission for his People
- 7- Discovering your S.H.A.P.E.
 - Spiritual Gifts
 - Heart
 - Abilities
 - Personality
 - Experiences
- 8- Discovering How God Desires to Use Your S.H.A.P.E. for his Glory

THE CHURCH / BODY OF CHRIST

CHURCH

The Master Plan for the Church – John MacArthur

Nine Marks of a Healthy Church – Mark Dever (3)

The Deliberate Church – Mark Dever

LEADERSHIP

Developing the Leader Within You – John Maxwell

The Power of Integrity – John MacArthur

PRAYER

Experiencing Prayer with Jesus – Henry Blackaby

Praying God's Word – Beth Moore

How to Develop a Prayer Life – Greg Frizzell

Follow Me: Becoming a Lifestyle Prayerwalker—Sprinkle

THEOLOGY

Systematic Theology (Part 1) – Wayne Grudem

Systematic Theology (Part 2) – Wayne Grudem

The Battle for the Beginning – John MacArthur

Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace– J. Boice

WORSHIP

Worship Matters – Bob Kauflin

Return to Worship – Ron Owen

OUR DISCIPLE-MAKING PROCESS AND STRUCTURE

Begins with a person having a living, loving and compassionate relationship with Jesus Christ that results in equipping other believers in Christ. This is an Intentional Process which uses mentoring, accountability relationships and apprenticeships. These approaches to Discipleship will be lived out in **communities*** that provide a balance of time alone with God, time with others and time in missions & ministry.

***The Disciple-Making communities at FBCM are:**

Worship, Shepherd Groups, other formed small groups and one on one mentoring.

This process will prepare and move us to become Christ-like to the Glory of God as we:

- Fulfill the Great Commandment (**Matthew 22:37-40**)
- Fulfill the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

If we seek a wholehearted love relationship with God as Jesus did, the outcome will be a life in which we:

1. Believe what Jesus believed (**transformed mind**)
2. Live as Jesus lived (**transformed character**)
3. Love as Jesus loved (**transformed relationships**)
4. Minister as Jesus ministered (**transformed service**)
5. Lead as Jesus led (**transformed influence**)

Pastor Greg's Top 5 Selections: (1-5)

In bold following corresponding number

OUR ROLES AS A CHURCH BODY IN DISCIPLE MAKING

The fulfillment of the roles listed below, from the Pastor to the first-time church member, comes out of a continual surrendering to Christ by walking in a daily relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As you fulfill your role you will begin to glorify God by taking on His likeness:

Senior Pastor's role and commitment is to live and model an authentic Christian life of godliness:

- ⇒ His primary task is to teach and preach the Word of God (2 Tim. 4:1-2)
- ⇒ Cast the vision of disciple-making before all the people (Matthew 28:18-20)
- ⇒ Graciously expose and refute error (1 Timothy 1:3-5, 5:1-2)
- ⇒ Give direction & training for the church leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4; Eph. 4:11-16)
- ⇒ Willingly suffer hardship and persecution in service for the Lord (2 Tim 1:8, 2:3-13, 4:5)
- ⇒ Participate in and model the life of a reproducing Disciple to bring encouragement and accountability within the body of Christ at FBCM (2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Tim. 4:12)

Other Pastoral and Ministerial staff members role is similar to that of the Senior Pastor but in that staff member's area of ministry:

- ⇒ Teach and preach the Word of God as appropriate (2 Tim. 4:1-2)
- ⇒ Graciously expose and refute error (1 Timothy 1:3-5, 5:1-2)
- ⇒ Give direction for the church leadership in responsible area of ministry (1 Peter 5:1-4)
- ⇒ Willingly suffer hardship and persecution in service for the Lord (2 Tim 1:8, 2:3-13, 4:5)
- ⇒ Participate in and model the life of a reproducing Disciple to bring encouragement and accountability within the body of Christ at FBCM (2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Tim. 4:12)

> **Shepherd Groups** > **Other Small Groups of 3 to 9 people** > **One on One mentoring**

(SPIRIT DRIVEN)

III. "Experience the Spirit" Henry Blackaby

Henry Blackaby says, "When it comes to the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life, few topics have been so popular and so neglected." When we finally understand our relationship with the Holy Spirit, we'll truly experience a transformed life in step with the purposes of God.

1. Revealing the Unknowable
2. The Ever- Present God
3. Gifted to Serve
4. His Gift to Give
5. The Gift of Relationship
6. Shaped for Service
7. God's Best in Your Life
8. Talented or Gifted?
9. From Ordinary to Extraordinary
10. Keeping the Relationships Alive
11. A Life Filled to the Full
12. Complete Surrender

(PEOPLE FOCUSED)

IV. "Don't Waste Your Life" John Piper

"God created us to live with a single passion: to joyfully display his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life. The wasted life is the life without this passion. God calls us to pray and think and dream and plan and work not to be much of, but to make much of him in every part of our lives."

1. My Search for a Single Passion to Live By
2. Breakthrough-the Beauty of Christ, My Joy
3. Boasting Only in the Cross, The Blazing Center of the Glory of God
4. Magnifying Christ Through Pain and Death
5. Risk is Right-Better to Lose Your Life Than to Waste it
6. The Goal of Life- Making others Glad in God
7. Living to Prove He is More Precious than Life
8. Making Much of Christ from 8 to 5
9. The Majesty of Christ in Missions and Mercy
10. My Prayer- Let None Say in the End, "I've wasted my Life"

The following core curriculum will be offered in weekend seminars as a part of the two year equipping process and can be taken at any point when offered:

V. "How to Study the Bible" John MacArthur

VI. "Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life" Donald Whitney

CORE DISCIPLE-MAKING RESOURCES

2 YEAR CORE DISCIPLE MAKING TRACK

(Recommended for all church members)

The core disciple-making resources below have been selected to assist our church in making followers of Christ who are God Centered, Spirit Driven and People Focused. We recommend that these resources be used through one of the following communities and are completed in sequential order within a 2 year period. Training will be made available to equip those who would like to lead one of these communities in the Disciple-Making Process

(GOD CENTERED)

I. "Choose the Life" Bill Hull

Bill tells us to get ready to explore a faith that does not separate salvation from discipleship but embraces the seamless journey from conversion to transformation. He believes that The Great Commission has more to do with spiritual depth than strategies and structures. Jesus is calling us to choose the life of thinking as he thought, living as he lived, loving as he loved, ministering as he ministered and leading as he led. Anything less is Christ-less Christianity.

1. How I Got to this Point
2. The Need for the Life
3. The Call to the Life
4. The Habits of the Life
5. The Inner Workings of the Life
6. The Mind and the Life
7. Relationships and the Life
8. Submission and the Life
9. Leadership and the Life

(GOD CENTERED)

II. "One True God" Paul Washer

Daniel L Akin, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, says that this study guide will lead you through a profitable biblical and systematic theology... "This is a wonderful work that I pray will help many grow in knowing God. Read it and be blessed. Read it and worship your God."

1. God is One
2. God is Spirit
3. God is Great and Perfect
4. God is Eternal, Self-Existent, & Immutable
5. God is Omnipotent, Omnipresent, & Omniscient
6. God is Holy
7. God is Righteous
8. God is True & Truthful
9. God is Faithful
10. God is Love
11. God is Creator & Sustainer
12. God is Lord Over All
13. God is Lawgiver & Judge
14. The Names of God

(Matthew 22:37-39, John 15:4-17, Galatians 5:22-23)

Deacons, Shepherd Group Leaders & Lay Leaders role is to be actively involved in serving their specific areas of caring/serving/teaching ministry:

- ⇒ Teach and preach the Word of God as appropriate **(2 Tim. 4:1-2)**
- ⇒ Be a model disciple before all the people **(1 Timothy 3:8-13)**
- ⇒ Carry out and promote the teachings of Jesus and His vision for us to make disciples among the nations **(Matthew 28:18-20)**
- ⇒ Willingly suffer hardship and persecution in service for the Lord **(2 Tim. 1:8, 2:3-13, 4:5)**
- ⇒ Model discipleship by reproducing disciples through participation in communities that provide encouragement, accountability and one-on-one mentoring **(2 Tim. 2:2; Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 25:34-40; James 5:14-15)**

Church Member's role and responsibility:

- ⇒ Become a loving, compassionate obedient follower of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit **(Luke 9:23, Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:15, Matthew 28:18-20,)**
- ⇒ Be trained to use his/her gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit to directly minister to God, believers and non-believers **(2 Cor. 8:5, Col. 3:23-24, Heb. 6:10, Mat. 5:13)**
- ⇒ Seek to win those to Christ who do not know Him **(Acts 20:24, Luke 19:10)**
- ⇒ Become a personal Disciple maker while participating in a Shepherd group community **(Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 2:2)**

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8 ESV

OUR DISCIPLE-MAKING METHODS & RESOURCES

FBC Matthews [process](#) to make Disciples of Christ is through the following Biblical communities: Worship Services, Shepherd Groups, other small groups of 3 to 9 people (men's, women's or couples) and 1 on 1 (man to man or woman to woman only):

Our Disciple-making methods will embrace God's view of Biblical community:

I. God lives in, embraces and seeks after Biblical Community

- With Adam (**Genesis 1:26**)
- People of Israel (**Deuteronomy 6:4**)
- The Godhead (**John 1:1-3**)

II. Jesus and the Disciples modeled Biblical Community

- Christ came to provide community and to live with us (**Matthew 1:23**)
- He called a small group of disciples to live & walk with Him (**Mark 3:7-10**)
- Jesus chose to invest His life in twelve and a core group of three by walking and training them, resulting in many others being reached (**Mark 3:13-14**)

III. Jesus prayed for Community and Unity for His Disciples

- He prayed for us to be one, as He and the Father and the Holy Spirit are one. (**John 17:11**)
- He also prayed that we would be unified through His truth (**John 17:17**)
- Christ sees our community and unity as our message to the world that He is love (**John 17:21,23**)

Our Disciple-making Group Leaders (Shepherd Group leaders, other small group leaders, one on one mentors) will be trained with the curriculum listed below:

"Choose the Life" by Bill Hull (www.choosethelife.com) and
"Why Small Groups? – Together Toward Maturity" by C. J. Mahaney

Our selected Disciple-making groups, curriculum & resources will be Biblically centered and embrace the following essential elements:

I. Love

- Our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationship with others (**Matthew 22:37-40**)

II. Christ-likeness and Conformity

- Teach all that Jesus commanded us (**Matthew 28:19,20**)
- A genuine desire to be conformed into His character, (**Genesis 1:26, Romans.8:29**) grace and humility (**Matthew 11:29**)

III. Devotion to the Church

- A desire to be a healthy body of believers by being committed to the foundations of the church such as the Word of God, fellowship, prayer and Doctrine (**Acts 2:42**)

IV. Equipping of the Saints

- In Life, Leadership, Witness, Prayer, Apologetics, Ministry and Missions (**Ephesians 4:11-16**)