

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ROADMAP



➤1. Become A Disciple (Follow Jesus)

The journey begins by trusting in Christ and “following God” – surrendering your life to Jesus as Lord (Matthew 4:19). This means believing in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and starting a personal relationship with Him. At this stage a new believer establishes core habits: a daily prayer life, reading the Bible, and meeting with mature Christians (even a mentor) to ask questions and learn fundamentals.

➤2. Public Faith Step: Baptism and Belonging

Soon after conversion, baptism is a key milestone – it’s a public symbol of faith and obedience. (Scripture shows new believers were immediately baptized in response to faith.)

➤3. Get Connected (Small Groups and Community)

Next, join a group, attend a class or ministry event. Being in community helps you “grow in obedience and doctrine” and form spiritual habits. It’s often at this stage that someone is paired with a mentor or discipler for one-on-one guidance, prayer support, and friendship.

➤4. Develop Spiritual Disciplines

Throughout the journey, cultivate the basics: daily Bible reading, prayer, worship, and generosity. These practices are called “spiritual disciplines.” Consistent worship attendance, Scripture memory, fasting, and journaling also strengthen your walk. Over time these habits root you deeper in Christ’s character and prepare you for service.

➤5. Serve in Ministry (Discover and Use Your Gifts)

A natural next step is to begin serving in the church or community. Seek out ways to use your talents: teaching, hospitality, tech support, children’s or youth ministry, worship team, etc. As you serve, you grow in character and learn discipleship skills.

➤6. Share Your Faith and Mission

As you mature, begin intentionally sharing the Gospel and making disciples. This can mean praying for an unsaved friend (your “one”), telling others about Christ, and inviting them to church. This step reflects being “sent” on mission – often involving local outreach or short-term mission trips. Ultimately a disciple should “fish for men” and “be formed into the image of Christ,” combining evangelism with ongoing growth.

➤7. Practice Stewardship

Learn to manage your resources as part of discipleship. This includes faithfully tithing (giving a portion of income), donating time, and using talents for God’s kingdom. Generosity is a hallmark of an obedient disciple. The Bible calls believers to be stewards of time, talents, and treasure, investing them in God’s mission.

➤8. Make Disciples (Lead and Mentor Others)

After a period of steady growth, move into reproducing disciples. This means mentoring newer believers, teaching or leading a small group, or serving as a volunteer leader. It’s the “reproducing” stage where you actively help others follow Jesus. You might lead a Bible study, host a prayer group, or train someone one-on-one in the faith. As Jesus commissioned, you become an ambassador, equipping others to do the same.

➤9. Regular Evaluation and Ongoing Growth

Discipleship is a lifelong journey, so schedule regular check-ins. This could be an annual retreat, a “yearly review” with a pastor or mentor, or using a self-assessment tool. Ask questions such as “How is my prayer life? Am I obeying God’s Word? Who am I discipling?” (cf. Discipleship Journey Sheet questions). Periodically refocus on core practices: return to the Bible, prayer, and community even as you lead others. Remember, the goal is not just to collect badges but to become a disciple who knows God’s Word, obeys Christ, serves the church, shares the gospel, and loves deeply.

➤10. Celebrate Milestones

Throughout the roadmap, recognize and celebrate significant steps. Common milestones include baptism, completion of a Growth Track or membership class, a first sermon or testimony shared, completion of a discipleship group series, or serving on a mission trip. Celebrations encourage continued growth and show that we honor God’s work in each step.

Each of these steps builds on the last. The journey is both individual and corporate – it happens through personal disciplines and community involvement. By following this roadmap you can gauge “where they are” and “what to do next” – always aiming to live more like Jesus and help others do the same.