

Personal Pathway Planner for Discipleship

“Where Am I Going and How will I Get There?”

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(Jesus) said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

The Purpose of *Discipleship* at First Baptist Church is to help people know, love, and become like Jesus as we courageously follow Him in moving forward in realizing our Vision.

Disciples at First Baptist Church are children, youth, and adults who know, love, and are becoming like Jesus as we courageously follow Him in moving forward in our roles— together—in realizing our Vision.

I. My Discipleship Lifestyle

As a child of God, I am already a saint, forever free from any condemnation, and am unconditionally loved, accepted, and secure in Christ. So until God takes me to the place He has prepared for me, my goal in this world is to be living out who God has already declared me to be. To help me in maturing toward Christ-likeness, First Baptist has developed the following 3 Core Areas of The Evangelism and Discipleship Pathway: being Faith-Filled, having a Loving Lifestyle, and being a Winsome Witness. Although I do understand becoming more like Christ remains God’s exclusive activity and that the Holy Spirit is always active in the transformation process, the primary method by which He does this is by training His children through the church in a process called Discipleship (as shown in Eph. 4:11-16). It is a slow process, so it can’t be hurried; yet it is urgent, so it can’t be delayed. At First Baptist, the 3 Core Areas are the Discipleship “catalysts” that we focus on understanding and applying to our lives; as we do this we will move forward on The Pathway to achieve our Mission, which will lead to realizing the Vision God has given us.

Finally, although I admit that I’m not totally comfortable in what the future may have for me if I truly seek to let God have full control of my life—even just a little more control— I *am* willing to take small steps of faith as He leads. As I abide in Jesus and courageously follow Him in my Spiritual Journey, my prayer is that my life, as well as the lives of people I know, begins to look more Christ-like.

II. My Discipleship Growth Plan

First, prayerfully assess what Stage you likely are in your Spiritual Journey (see page 33 of our Action Plan booklet).

Second, reflect on the following questions: How has God helped you mature in your faith, love, and witness? What are your fears about where God may be leading you or what he may be asking you to do? What Core Area is most difficult for you?

Third, pray by asking for God's help in your Spiritual Journey, realizing that growing in your faith, love, and witness is His will for you (and remember Phil. 4:13, "*I can do everything through Him who gives me strength*").

In community with others, I plan to intentionally focus my efforts in growing in Christ-likeness in the 3 Core Areas, their Key Impact Points, and their Goals through the following:

A. To grow in being Faith-Filled I will:

1. Hindrances I will face and my plan to overcome is:

B. To grow in having a Loving Lifestyle I will:

1. Hindrances I will face and my plan to overcome is:

C. To grow in being a Winsome Witness I will:

1. Hindrances I will face and my plan to overcome is:

III. My Discipleship Partner

“Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble” (Prov. 17:17). As the Christian life is meant to be done together, I will seek accountable relationships of trust in environments of grace. Our goal is to be the kind of friends we need in order to move forward on The Discipleship Pathway and realize the Vision. Therefore, I have at least one Christian friend in my life whom I am accountable to, am completely open and honest with, and vice-versa.

Name(s) of Person:

In Romans 10:1, Paul wrote, *“Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.”* As I desire to live a courageous, Spirit-led life that intentionally seeks to invest into the lives of people, I am praying for the following people to move forward on The Evangelism Pathway and to receive Christ as their Savior:

Names of People:

“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24). As God has called us to make disciples, I am praying for the following Christians as I seek to be an Encourager to them in maturing in their Spiritual Journey down The Discipleship Pathway:

Names of People: