



Shelby Christian Church

FOLLOWING JESUS: GROWING WITH EACH OTHER

MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 2:42-47, EPHESIANS 4:13-16, 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 * 4/26/2026

One of the best ways discipleship happens is in small groups.

Think back to your high school or college years—what team or group did you love being part of? What lessons from that experience still shape you today?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

Why is Jesus' authority important before giving this command?

What is the difference between making converts and making disciples?

What does it mean to baptize “in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”?

How would you describe what it means to “teach them to obey” everything Jesus commanded?

Why do you think Jesus emphasizes His continual presence with His followers?

In what ways does the Great Commission function as the mission statement for your small group?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 2:42-47

Imagine your church suddenly welcomed hundreds of new believers after a gospel rally. Over the next few months, what steps should the church take to help these new Christians grow as disciples? Be as specific as you can.

How does being part of a small group help believers devote themselves to God's Word, build genuine community, grow in prayer, and serve others?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EPHESIANS 4:13-16.

What do you think “unity of the faith” looks like in practical terms?

What does it mean to have the “fullness of Christ” as the standard?

Why is spiritual instability compared to waves and wind?

How can false teaching subtly influence believers today?

Why is both truth and love essential—not just one or the other?

What does this passage teach about every believer's role in the church?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

What does it mean to be “strengthened by grace” rather than relying on yourself?

Why is it important that the message is passed on through “faithful people”?

What qualities do you think define someone as “reliable” or “able to teach others”?

How does this passage illustrate a pattern of multiplication (Paul → Timothy → others → others)?

Why is intentional discipleship essential for the health of the church?

APPLICATION

In what ways are you personally living out the command to “make disciples”?

Who in your life might God be calling you to invest in spiritually?

What fears or obstacles keep you from sharing your faith?

In what areas of your life do you see growth toward spiritual maturity?

Where might you still feel “tossed by the waves” spiritually?

How can you better guard yourself against false or misleading teaching?

What ideas from this study could best help your group strengthen its discipleship strategy?

What challenges would your group need to overcome to give birth to a new discipleship group?

In what ways can you take more responsibility for growing in discipleship?

PRAYER