I Am A Disciple of Jesus Series

“The Stages of Discipleship”

Ephesians 4:11-16

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A. When a person becomes a disciple of Jesus, they are _______ again into God’s family and will be known as a _______ of God for the rest of their lives.

B. Nevertheless, God has designed His _________ to move through a _______________ of stages of growth.

C. The process of becoming a _________ is similar to how people develop in all kinds of enterprises, and is also the way _______________ works.

D. Discipleship is a process that works through ______________ stages.

E. We must keep in mind that there’s a big difference between _______ people and _________ a person’s spiritual development.

F. There are at least three persons involved in the discipling process: the ____________, the _________ - ____________, and _______.

G. Other than the stage of being spiritually ________, all the other stages of discipleship describe a person who has been born again and is ________.

H. All the stages from infant to parent represent the process of _____________.

I. As we grow, our _________ in Christ begins to match our _________ in Christ.

J. Spiritual Stage 1—Spiritually __________ (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Eph. 2:1-3).
   1. 2 words that best characterize the spiritually dead are _______ and _______.
   2. The key concept is that a spiritually dead person does not have the _____ of Jesus in them, because they don’t have _____ in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

K. Spiritual Stage 2—Spiritual __________ (1 Pet. 2:2-3; Heb. 5:12-14).
   1. The words that best characterize this stage of a disciple’s life are _________, confusion, and ________.
   2. The key concept with spiritual infants is that they don’t ________ _______.
   3. Spiritual infants need someone to ________ for and ________ them.

L. Spiritual Stage 3—Spiritual __________ (1 Thess. 2:11-12).
   1. People in this stage are _________ in their relationship with God, but much of their spiritual lives still _________ around ________.
   2. Spiritual children need to continue to be connected to _________ disciples.

M. Spiritual Stage 4—Spiritual __________ _________ (1 Jn. 2:13-14).
   1. The key concept with people at this stage is that they are orienting their lives around _______ and His ________.
   2. They need a spiritual mentor who will ________ and ________ them on their ministry experiences.

N. Spiritual Stage 5—Spiritual ____________ (2 Tim. 2:1-2).
   1. Spiritually mature people make and _________ disciples who do the same.