

Circles & Rows

Part 2: More than Bar Code Christians

HERE IS WHAT WE BELIEVE AT TRUE NORTH CHURCH

- We Learn in Rows!
- We Grow/Change in Circles

SPIRITUAL FORMATION IS...IDENTIFYING & RETHINKING UNTRUE OR DESTRUCTIVE IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND DEFINITIONS ABOUT GOD, YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE WORLD AROUND

AND REPLACING THEM WITH THE IDEAS, THOUGHTS, AND DEFINITIONS THAT FILLED THE MIND OF CHRIST.

THIS WEEK I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A FEW QUESTIONS:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN? (WHY DID Jesus COME?)

WHAT ROLE DOES JESUS PLAY IN YOUR DAILY LIFE? (WHAT DOES JESUS DO NOW?)

What makes a person a Christian?

Common Definition: A Christian is a person who has put some level of faith/belief in that Jesus is the Son of God and that His death on the cross paid for their sins and after they die, they'll go to Heaven instead of Hell.

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What is a disciple?

Matthew 28:16-17

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

1. **A disciple is someone who follows**
2. **A Disciple is not someone who has it all figured out**

Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

3. **A Disciple is committed to going to great lengths to share with others about the Jesus they follow**

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent (rethink everything), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (available to anyone who wants to come in)"

4. **A disciple rethinks how to live their lives in a new reality**

Matthew 28:20

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

5. **A disciple learns to put into practice what they have learned about Jesus into their daily lives.**

6. **A disciple teaches others what we are learning from Jesus**

How does this happen at True North?

We enter into and invite others into a journey called Spiritual Formation

So what is a disciple? A person who is on a spiritual formation journey of training and learning to obey and do all the Jesus says is true and best.

Big Question You Need to Answer?
What is your Next Step?