



United Community Church

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“Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Discipleship is a lifestyle filled with relationships; a life of pouring yourself out for others.”

“If we will invest in the lives of a few at a time with the intent to reproduce and multiply, we will make ripples that will extend beyond our line of sight.”

~ C.S. Lewis

Definition of Disciple: A follower of Jesus Christ committed to being His servant, bearing fruit, and following Him at any cost

The Process of Discipleship (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

It is a lifelong process of being transformed into the image of Christ through studying the Word of God, spending time in prayer, growing in relationship to Christ, learning what His will and plan is for our lives, reflecting Christ in attitude and action, and sharing God’s love with others.

- Teach – learn how to live for Christ
- Rebuke – let the Holy Spirit deal with sin in your life
- Correction – put away sin and put on Christ
- Training in righteousness – practicing the spiritual disciplines that mature us in Christ

Character Qualities of a Mature Disciple

Humility, submission, spiritual wisdom, self-control, character & integrity, servant, righteous & holy, imitator of Christ, sacrifices all to follow Christ

Hindrances to Becoming a Mature Disciple

- Not spending time in prayer or studying the Word
- Allowing life to come before God
- Rebelling against God
- Lack of spiritual discipline

Life Lessons about being a Disciple

Being a disciple of Christ...

- Is not an option
- Requires an ongoing relationship with God
- Is a lifetime process & requires total commitment
- Means encouraging Christians & sharing Christ with others