

Preaching Series- Core Values

“DISCIPLESHIP: Growing People Change”

“Disciples make Disciples”

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.””

Disciple in English: a follower (adherent, believer, admirer, devotee, etc.) of a teacher/leader (Webster’s)

Disciple in Greek: The term "**disciple**" is derived from the Koine **Greek** word mathetes, which **means** a pupil (of a teacher) or an apprentice (to a master craftsman), coming to English by way of the Latin discipulus **meaning** a learner while the more common English word is student.

Colossians 1:6-10 (NLT)

“This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace. You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ’s faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you. So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. **Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.**”

Path to Biblical Discipleship:

Honor God-Please God-Produce Good Fruit-Know God Better (and...“YOU WILL GROW!”)

Ephesians 4:14 (ESV)

“so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”