



A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

WE EXIST TO MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

Step 7

Become A Partner

Philippians 1:3-6

Over the past few sessions, we have looked at Scripture in light of the mission that we have been given and the team in which we are a part. God made us to live in community and to accomplish the mission of making Disciple's together! This is what partnership is all about.

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We believe the Bible speaks to Christians about being partners in the gospel and partners in the local church. Partnership is all about locking arms for the common mission of making disciples who make disciples. In this session's video Pastor Jeff taught, "We were never called to be a member of some club we pay dues to, like a Sam's or a YMCA." To become a partner is to embrace the biblical community and mission that God has given you. And we want to encourage you to become a partner in the gospel with Riverlawn.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it. – 1 Corinthians 12:27

Becoming a partner with Riverlawn is about becoming involved in the mission and ministry of the church. It's an opportunity for you to discover your gifts and talents that God has given you and how you can use them to serve Him. To become a partner means to be "knit together in love" (Colossians 2) and is a commitment to walk through life with other believers beyond the Sunday morning worship service.

Read

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. - 1 Corinthians 12:24-27

Reflect

1. What does it look like to have, and maintain, unity within Riverlawn Christian Church?
2. How are we able to cultivate equal concern and care for one another?
3. What are the spiritual gifts that God has given you to serve others? What talents or experiences has He given you to share with the church?
4. Would you consider reaching out to the church office to find out when the next Partnership Class is and plan to attend?

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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

- Matthew 4:19

Reflect

1. What is the good work that God has begun in you?
2. What is the mission of every disciple?
3. What does it look like to partner together to see this mission fulfilled?

