

The Roadmap

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INTRODUCTION

“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19 BSB)

Jesus’ invitation to His early disciples was relational, transformational, and missional:

- **Relational**—*Come follow Me.*
- **Transformational**—*And I will make you.*
- **Missional**—*Fishers of men.*

At Alliance Church church, we have for some time now, described this relational, transformational, and missional call of Jesus this way:

Together, we will seek wholeheartedly to...

- KNOW Jesus Christ personally
- GROW to be like Him in loving community
- GO serve with Him in ministry and mission
- SHOW others how to do the same

If becoming disciples who make disciples is the destination, then this is the roadmap. These are the steps along the way. The developmental stages, if you will. We want to seek Him together through a **biblical, intentional, relational, accountable** and **repeatable** discipleship process that helps us to truly become disciples who make disciples.

KNOW Jesus Christ personally

God wants to be in relationship with you.

Knowing Christ is a life-long pursuit and privilege

I want to know Christ. This is the heart cry of the apostle Paul in his letter to the church to Philippi. In Philippians 3:10, *“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings...”*

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GROW to be like Him in loving community

There are three ways by which Christ transforms you. We have chosen to highlight one of them in our roadmap:

- Through His Word
- By His Spirit
- In Community

Related passages: Hebrews 4:12-13; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23; Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:19-25

GO serve with Him in ministry and mission

We are being invited to Go WITH Jesus to build up His Church (Ministry) and to seek and to save the lost (Mission).

In Ministry

How is Jesus continuing to build up His church? Through us. (Romans 12:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:7)

What's Your SHAPE?

- S – Spiritual Gifts
- H – Heart Passion
- A – Abilities
- P – Personality
- E – Experiences

On Mission

Jesus said, I have come to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10) How is Jesus continuing to seek the lost? Through us. Part of our profile for a disciple is someone who is “Actively pursuing the lost with the compassion of Christ.”

Who's Your One?

- B – Begin with prayer
- L – Listen
- E – Eat
- S – Serve
- S – Share

Related passages: Luke 19:10; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 20:28; Acts 25:23-26:32

SHOW others how to do the same

Again, have you been discipled? Or “churched”?

Questions for Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. What do you think of the simple progression seen in Matthew 4:19? How have you seen Jesus do this in your life?
2. What is your current level of desire to know Christ by experience? What may be hindering this pursuit?
3. Are you engaged in a Christian community that is truly spurring you on to GROW in your walk with Christ and GO serve Him in ministry and mission? If not, what steps might you take?
4. Who may you seek out in order to pursue becoming a disciple who may SHOW someone else how to be a disciple?