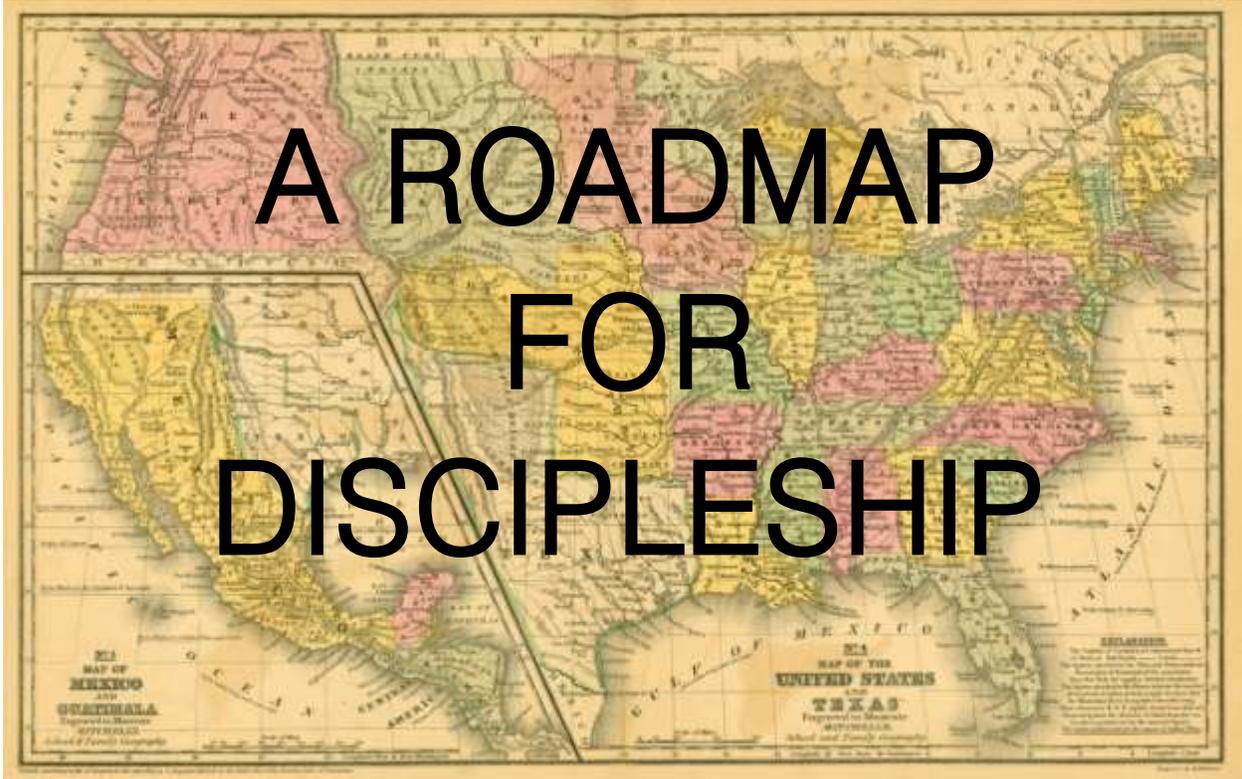


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Tom Petersburg, by way of interaction with 8 determined disciple-makers, 2018

## A note about roadmaps—

Roadmaps are usually drawn AFTER the well-trodden trails are paved over with concrete and recognized as roads. This attempt at drawing a roadmap for discipleship is much the same – it is an attempt to identify the roads most travelled toward spiritual maturity. Though every discipleship ministry has different side roads, they have much in common in making disciples.

When you drop an address into Google Maps, a red dot within a small section of streets pops up on your device screen. The small selection of streets could be anywhere in the country. In order to get your bearings, you need to expand the map to reveal the course to your destination. The value of an expanded roadmap is twofold:

- It puts the destination in perspective
- It provides a course to navigate to reach the destination.

The Scriptures have a lot to say about spiritual growth, but a trainer’s manual wasn’t included. The best pattern we have is Jesus’ training of the twelve. He spent less than three years with them before leaving them under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to launch the church.

## THE DESTINATION

Since Jesus charged us with *making disciples*, why not use the meaning of the word *disciple* to propose a destination, or objective, in discipleship? We can find a combination of three meanings for the word *disciple* in the Scriptures:

1. A learner.  
A learner refers to a person who moves beyond knowing something, to responding to what he learns. He has a hunger for spiritual truth, to know God and to please Him. A disciple is teachable, eager to put into practice what God shows him.

2. A follower.  
A disciple was referred to as “one going in the same way.” A follower sought to live his life in the same way as the One he followed. A follower was marked by obedience.

“Christianity came to be described as ‘the Way.’ Followers of the Way were called disciples. They were recognized by their devotion to the Master, evidenced by obedience to His precept and example.” (*Master Plan of Discipleship*, Robert Coleman, p 99)

3. A person committed to Jesus.  
A disciple is committed to Jesus, not just a Biblical lifestyle. Jesus becomes his pursuit, his Lord and Master.

“Intellectual assent to His truth, to His doctrine did not make one a full New Testament disciple. Not until one was willing to commit himself, his life, his mind, his heart, his will to that truth and to the person of Jesus Christ could he be called a disciple of Jesus Christ.”  
(*Design for Discipleship*, J. Dwight Pentecost, p20)

“A unique aspect of New Testament discipleship is that it is commitment to the person of Jesus. His teaching has force only when there is first this commitment to his person.” (*Theological Dictionary of the New Testament: Abridged in One Volume*, eds. G. Kittel & G. Friedrich, trans. by Geoffrey Bromiley, 1985, p. 499.)

In making disciples, the objective is to move people from being observers to being learners of Jesus, to walk as Jesus walked, to become Christ-like. Their faith takes them beyond a lifestyle to become captivated by a relationship with their Savior Jesus.

This is the challenge of discipleship. What do we teach believers so that they become attached to Jesus and eager to follow Him wherever He leads? In comparing the content of several discipleship ministries, they generally follow a common course. They follow a roadmap that they believe will build disciples. The roadmap not only tells them where they are, it keeps them on course toward an objective. (See Appendix for a compilation of the discipleship content by ministries)

## THE COURSE

Though the Scriptures do not suggest a sequence of topics for discipleship, most ministries aim to accomplish four things in the early phases of discipleship:

### ESTABLISH THEIR FOUNDATION

There is nothing more important to the growth of a believer than the basic essentials that establish the foundation of one's walk with Christ. The effectiveness of discipleship-oriented ministries can easily be attributed to their emphasis on the essentials of the faith.

Because Christianity is about a relationship with Christ, our most basic need as a Christian is to know how to relate to Him personally: how He sees me, what He wants from me, how I communicate with Him, what disrupts our relationship and how He will enable me to be faithful to Him.

Essential topics that form the foundation of a relationship with Christ include:

- Jesus, the Gospel
- Assurance of salvation
- Our position in Christ
- God's love and forgiveness
- Personal devotions: prayer, Bible reading, memorization
- Growing in the relationship with Christ
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit
- The character of God
- Spiritual conflict

As growing disciples, we will build upon the essentials of the faith throughout our lives, especially in times of adversity, doubt, and struggle. These are the indispensable truths that bring stability to our walk with God.

Because the doctrines of the faith and the intricacies of the Scriptures are so important, it would be easy to think we should engage new believers in these “deeper” things as quickly as possible. George Patterson of Western Seminary offers a caution in the timing of our teaching:

“Classroom instruction is appropriate and helpful for mature believers. But teaching heavy theology before one learns loving, childlike obedience is dangerous. It leaves a person assuming that Christianity is merely having scripturally correct doctrine. He becomes a passive learner of the Word rather than an active disciple.” (*Missions Frontiers*, March-April, 2003, p.15.)

## EQUIP THEM TO GROW

This aspect of discipleship builds upon the essentials of our foundation with Christ. It is focused on understanding God’s transforming work in us as we walk with Him. Growth is prompted by understanding and practicing several elements:

- ❑ Meeting with Christ in a regular devotional life of prayer and Scripture reading. John 15
- ❑ Handling the Scriptures. 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17  
Bible study methods, reliability and authority of the Scriptures, Old and New Testament surveys.
- ❑ Connecting in the Body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-16  
Transparent relationships. loving people, the fellowship of a church family.
- ❑ Pursuing holiness. Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:22; Galatians 5:16-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Obedience, sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, confession, forgiveness, filling of the Spirit.
- ❑ Persevering in trials. James 1:2-4; Romans 5:1-5  
One of God’s primary tools of sanctification.

## CALL THEM TO LORDSHIP

The topic of Lordship permeates every phase of discipleship. As we grow in our faith, the Holy Spirit will constantly reveal areas of our lives that Jesus wants to rule. Disciples are called to both model and teach it.

- ❑ Jesus called His followers to die to self and live for God.  
Matthew 6:19-24; John 12:24-26; Luke 9:23-26, 57-62; 14:25-33.
- ❑ Paul urged believers that they were to be a living sacrifice to God, the Ruler of their lives.  
Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- ❑ Paul and Peter emphasized that believers are citizens of God’s kingdom and aliens on earth.  
Colossians 1: 13-14; 1 Peter 2:1-11

As we grow in our relationship with Christ and He reveals the depravity in our lives, we are repeatedly faced with a question—will we choose to obey God or follow the world, Satan and the flesh? In discipleship, people will regularly process the implications of faith and obedience in following Jesus.

A huge change takes place in discipleship when a growing disciple responds to Jesus’ conviction, correction and guidance (Lordship). The disciple begins to look to the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit for guidance rather than the prompting of the discipler. This changes the role of the discipler.

## ENGAGE THEM IN MINISTRY

Most discipleship ministries engage growing believers in ministry by helping them realize how God may use them to reach their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers for Christ. While there is not always agreement on when or where to engage young believers in ministry activities, ministries agree that it is

important for growing disciples to understand that God's work in their lives is not just for *their* personal benefit. A commitment to Jesus is a commitment to His mission in the world.

Ministry involvement usually begins with:

- ❑ Relating their new faith to others; telling their story as a simple testimony.
- ❑ Understanding the clarity of the Gospel; training with evangelistic tools.
- ❑ Telling others what they are learning through their own discipleship.
- ❑ Exploring basic apologetics (1 Peter 3:15)

Ministry involvement should be experienced as a normal part of a person's walk with God. Ministry involvement and spiritual growth are linked together—they each accelerate the other.

## SIDE ROADS

Spiritual growth is not an assembly-line construction project. Believers in every phase of growth bring questions, issues and circumstances to the discipleship process that can feel like a disruption or detour. While it is important to hold to the course being studied, these things cannot be ignored. It is an opportunity to resolve their questions and issues, and at the same time demonstrate that the Scriptures address every area of our lives.

Discipleship is an opportunity to study major Biblical doctrines and practical Christian topics such as:  
(in no particular order)

The Scriptures: inspiration, revelation, reliability, authority, book studies  
God the Father: Trinity, creation  
God the Son: deity, incarnation, substitutionary death, resurrection  
God the Holy Spirit: regeneration, sealing, indwelling, filling, ministries  
Man: dignity, sin, fall, depravity, temptation,  
Salvation: election, justification, sanctification, glorification  
Sanctification: transformation, grace, faith, obedience, loving people, purpose  
Church: worship, fellowship, organization, membership, missions, service  
Spiritual gifts: variety of ministries and opportunities  
Church history: Israel, Gentiles, Reformation, periods of revival  
Marriage, family, parenting  
Work: testimony, relationships  
Prophecy, end times: 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, judgment, new heaven and earth

Discipleship is not designed to accomplish a theological education, but a deepening walk with God as He transforms people's lives. The process will trigger as much or more growth in the life of the discipler as it does in the disciple. Ultimately, in discipleship we are helping a fellow believer grasp the means of living the Christian life.

| Source      | Means   | Methods/activities  |
|-------------|---|---|
| Holy Spirit | Grace<br>Romans 5:1-2<br><br>Faith<br>Galatians 2:20<br><br>Obedience<br>Matthew 28:19-20 | Bible study<br>Prayer<br>Fellowship/church<br>Ministry<br>Spiritual gifts |

Adapted from a diagram by Dave Sunde, conference seminar, Gatlinburg, TN, October, 1975

The Holy Spirit is the *source* of our life, or our empowerment for following Christ. The *means*, or how we function in the Christian life, are grace, faith and obedience. Activities like Bible study, fellowship and prayer are critical aspects of connecting with God and being used by Him. The activities are part of God's process of teaching us to live by grace in our relationship with God, how to trust and obey Him despite the appeal of the world or our flesh.

**This is critical:** if we make the *activities/methods* the *means* to living the Christian life, we replace the Holy Spirit with *self*. When self is the source of our lives, we often reduce the Christian life to religious behavior or legalism. The whole process of discipleship should draw a disciple into a life of grace, faith and obedience.

## HOW FAR DO YOU TAKE A DISCIPLE?

When drawing a roadmap, we inevitably have to ask, "So how far do we personally take another believer on his journey to spiritual maturity? The objectives that ministries use to define discipleship fall on a very wide spectrum in answering that question. They range from covering an 8-10 week series on the basics to a disciple multiplying himself to a lifetime commitment between discipler and disciple.

### Consider some of the primary Scriptures that relate to discipleship:

The Gospels give an account of Jesus spending less than three years with His disciples. Since there was no church, He was the primary influence in their spiritual lives. Jesus was preparing them to spread the Gospel across the known world as they launched the first century church. Jesus left them with the charge to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). The disciples obviously functioned within the church organization that emerged in Acts, but there is no mention of other mentors leading these men.

Acts 9 is the account of Paul's dramatic conversion. Almost immediately he was in synagogues proclaiming Christ as His Savior. When the Jews plotted to kill him, Paul's "disciples" helped him escape—Paul was influencing others to follow Christ shortly after his own conversion. We have no record of who they were or how long they were connected to him.

In 1 Corinthians 3:1-11, Paul admonished several people who identified themselves by who they followed. He told them that various people each had an influence in their lives, but it was God who caused the growth. In light of that, Paul called them "fellow-workers in God's field." God used more than one person to move another person toward maturity.

Paul told the believers at Colossae (Colossians [1:28](#), NASB) about his aim for them: “And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.” *Complete* means finished, of full age. Paul refers to "we" in writing to the church about their desire to see everyone in the church reach spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity is reached under the influence of many people.

In Philippians 3, Paul described his own pursuit of Christ, concluded that he had not arrived and challenged others to press on toward the same goal of maturity. Paul urged his fellow-believers to join him in intentionally moving toward the goal of maturity in Christ.

Paul's second letter to Timothy is packed with instruction on personal ministry. He had little to say about the methods of discipleship, but much to say about the faithfulness, perseverance and cost involved in ministry. His charge to Timothy about teaching faithful men who will also teach others was as much about building church leaders as it was about discipleship.

### Conclusions:

- ❑ Jesus' final charge to His followers was to “make disciples.” That charge still stands for us today
- ❑ The charge to make disciples is clearer than the method we should use in making disciples.
- ❑ It is normal for several different people to have an influence in the growth of each person's life.
- ❑ Believers in the Bible were connected to other believers for a lifetime, but more as partners in ministry than as a disciple of someone for a lifetime.
- ❑ Discipleship involved teaching and training that launched individuals into a lifetime of ministry.
- ❑ Paul was committed to see every believer grow to maturity. He instructed Timothy to focus on faithful men who would multiply their ministry in the same manner. If they were recognized as faithful men, they were probably not young believers. Some discipleship is selective
- ❑ Discipleship should produce individuals who are faithful to multiply their lives in others.
- ❑ Paul did not teach a model or method that he called discipleship. It is a term we have used to describe the process of making disciples. We connect passages that have implications about spiritual growth to our methods of discipleship.
- ❑ The Great Commission is Jesus' charge to every believer to make disciples.

## FUNCTION vs. FORM

The Scriptures say more about the functions of discipleship (teaching, leading, encouraging) than the forms of discipleship (“how to” methods, 1-to-1, small groups). The functions of discipleship have not changed since the days of Jesus, but the forms have changed to adapt to different times, cultures and environments.

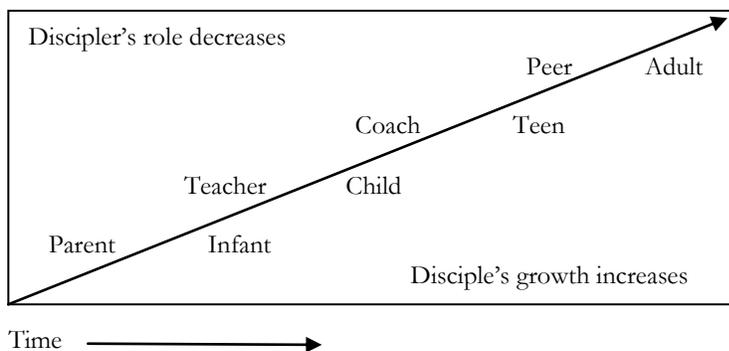
We can observe several functions critical to discipleship in the ministries of Jesus and Paul:

- ❑ Building relationships with their men.
- ❑ Loving God and others.

- ❑ Teaching specific content.
- ❑ Processing spiritual truths together.
- ❑ Creating a “fork in the road” with the spiritual truths—truths required a decision.
- ❑ Training them for ministry “on the job.”

Discipleship can take many forms. It may look different in the church than it does in the business world or in your neighborhood. Some people respond better in 1-to-1 settings; others relate better in small groups. It is the functions that we see in Jesus and Paul that make discipleship most effective in any form.

The distance we take a disciple is often determined by the form of the discipleship process: the length of a study series or the parameters of a church program. Instead, the distance we take a disciple is better answered by the changing function of the discipler. Some ministries would illustrate the changes in this manner:



In human growth, maturity is marked by the level of responsibility one takes for his own life, and then the lives of others. Spiritual growth has some similarities. At some point in the journey, a growing believer reaches a level of stability, marked by him taking responsibility for his own spiritual life and growth. He becomes the initiator, seeks input, knowledge and understanding. He becomes a self-feeder. He expands the number of people who influence his life.

A change in the maturity of a disciple should change the role of the discipler. The discipler may continue to teach and equip, but should be moving toward a transition where the disciple is regarded as a peer, even though he may not be as spiritually mature as the discipler. It is not uncommon for a person to shift out of one discipleship relationship/process and connect with other believers who provide a better fit or a different affinity group.

The question remains—how far do I take a believer toward maturity? Best answer seems to be: *as far as I can effectively take him*. The growing believer needs to be connected to fellow-believers for healthy growth, but not under a “discipler” forever. The changing role of the discipler enables the disciple to transition through phases of his growth, launching him into ministry opportunities.

That transition is crucial. It builds confidence in the disciple that he is both receiving and giving in this process. The growing disciple not only takes responsibility for his own spiritual growth, but is willing to take responsibility for ministry to others.

## A ROADMAP SUMMARY

We can identify a general roadmap from the paths established by so many faithful disciple-makers. By equipping believers for multiplication, they have launched new disciplers into every arena of our culture: churches, schools, universities, athletics, workplaces, homes and neighborhoods.

The side roads will vary and the detours will be many. Therefore, a roadmap is a great help to maintain our bearings on the course toward spiritual maturity.

The roads we travel in discipleship will need to be adjusted over time to meet the changes in our culture:

- ❑ The dominance of narcissism requires an increased emphasis on the Lordship of Christ.
- ❑ The moral freefall of the country calls for teaching on sanctification and the pursuit of holiness.
- ❑ The expanding access to Biblical resources via media/internet can lull people into becoming second-hand learners in place of learning how to handle the Scriptures accurately for themselves.
- ❑ People are searching for principles of living to make life go better. We must continue to emphasize a life in Christ marked by grace, faith and obedience.
- ❑ In a Christian culture of devotional clichés and feel-good quotes, we need to draw believers into sound theology, especially concerning the character of God.

Make the journey an adventure – engage in discipleship!

AND JESUS CAME UP AND SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING,  
"ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH.  
GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM  
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I COMMANDED YOU;  
AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

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## DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

### 2:7 SERIES

(Navigators)

#### **Book 1 – Growing Strong in God’s Family**

##### Session 1

Reading and marking in the Bible  
Scripture Memory Overview  
How to memorize a Bible verse

##### Session 2

Introduction to Bible Study  
Beginning with Christ – 5 assurances:  
salvation, answered prayer, victory over sin,  
forgiveness and guidance

##### Session 3

Tyranny of the Urgent review and discussion  
Study on Prayer – Part 1  
Reading progress

##### Session 4

Study on Prayer – Part 2  
The Wheel Illustration (Christian Life)

##### Session 5

Practical suggestions on prayer  
Bible study on God’s word in your life

##### Session 6

The Hand Illustration (Handling the Bible)  
The Quiet Time

##### Session 7

Christ the Center Bible Study

##### Session 8

Evangelism Prayer List  
Guide to conversational prayer  
Guide to getting to know non-Christians

##### Session 9

Obedience Bible study

##### Session 10

Fellowship Bible Study

##### Session 11

Why memorize Scripture  
Witnessing Bible study

#### **Book 2 – Deepening your Roots in God’s Family**

##### Session 1

Review of Book 1 and goals for Book 2  
Practical suggestions on Prayer  
Introduction to the TMS

##### Session 2

Maturing in Christ Bible study

##### Session 3

Relationship Evangelism  
Spiritual Warfare Bible Study

##### Session 4

Faith and the Truths of God study

##### Session 5

Self – Reasons for Scripture Memory  
Knowing God’s Will Bible Study

##### Session 6

Developing Friendships with non-Christians  
Walking as a Servant Bible Study

##### Session 7

Developing your “Testimony”

##### Session 8

Writing your “Testimony”

##### Session 9

Group exercise – sharing testimonies  
My Heart Christ’s Home

##### Session 10

How to spend a day in prayer

##### Session 11

Spending a day in prayer individually/group

#### **Book 3 – Bearing Fruit in God’s Family**

##### Session 1

Ways to Meditate on Scripture – Part 1  
Openly identifying with Christ

##### Session 2

Ways to Meditate on Scripture – Part 2

##### Session 3

Bible study – The Call to Fruitful Living

##### Session 4

Bible study – Relationship Evangelism

##### Session 5

Bible Study – Love in Action

##### Session 6

Bible Study – Purity of Life

##### Session 7

Bridge Illustration

##### Session 8

Bible Study – Integrity in Living

##### Session 9

Verse analysis of Matthew 6:33  
Priorities Part 1 Study

##### Session 10

Priorities Part 2 Study

##### Session 11

Bible Study – Character in Action

**NOTE:** Essentials that carry through all books are 1) Developing the devotional life by a Quiet Time; 2) Scripture Memory; 3) Prayer. These are practiced and reviewed in every session.

## DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP (Navigators)

### **Book 1 Your Life in Christ**

- God Cares for You
- The Person of Jesus Christ
- The Work of Christ
- The Spirit within You

### **Book 2 – The Spirit-Filled Christian**

- The Obedient Christian
- God's Word in Your Life
- Conversing with God
- Fellowship with Christians
- Witnessing for Christ

### **Book 3 – Walking with Christ**

- Maturing in Christ
- The Lordship of Christ
- Faith and the Promises of God
- Knowing God's Will
- Walking as a Servant

### **Book 4 – The Character of a Christian**

- The Call to Fruitful Living
- Genuine Love in Action
- Purity of Life
- Integrity in Living
- Character in Action

### **Book 5 – Foundations for Faith**

- Who is God?
- The Authority of God's Word
- The Holy Spirit
- Spiritual Warfare
- The Return of Christ

### **Book 6 – Growing in Discipleship**

- What is a Disciple?
- The Responsible Steward
- Helping Others Find Christ
- Follow – Up
- World Vision

### **Book 7 – Our Hope in Christ**

- Introductory study of I Thessalonians

## OPERATION TIMOTHY (CBMC)

### **Book 1 – Life Questions**

- What is the Purpose of Life?
- Is the Bible Credible?
- Where Is God?
- Who is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Come?
- Can I Be Accepted and Forgiven?

### **Book 2 – Life Foundations**

- New Life in Christ
- Our New Identity
- Battling the World, the Flesh and the Devil
- Dealing with Temptation
- Discovering the Holy Spirit
- Communicating with God
- Telling Others Our Story

### **Book 3 – Life Perspectives**

- Digging into the Bible
- Knowing God's Will
- Becoming a Person of Character
- Relationships
- Kingdom Perspectives
- Your Calling as an Insider
- Multiplying Your Life

## PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING (CRU)

Knowing God  
Is the Bible Reliable?  
What Makes Jesus Unique?  
Being Sure of Our Relationship with God  
Experiencing God's Forgiveness  
Spiritual Living  
Power for Living the Spiritual Life  
Scheduling Time with God  
Making Your Life Count  
Our Search for Self-Worth  
Our New Identity in Christ  
Living Consistently by the Spirit  
Hindrances to Living by the Spirit  
Talking With God  
Loving Unconditionally  
Sharing the Message of God's Love  
Our Need for Fellowship  
Living in Light of Eternity

### Plus 10 related articles:

Can We Trust the Bible?  
How to be Sure You Are a Christian  
How to Experience God's Love & Forgiveness  
How to Be Filled With the Spirit  
How to Walk in the Spirit  
How to Witness in the Spirit  
How to Help Fulfill the Great Commission  
How to Love by Faith  
How to Pray  
How to be an Effective Member of the Body  
of Christ

## TEN BASIC STEPS TO CHRISTIAN MATURITY (CRU)

Introduction: The Uniqueness of Jesus  
The Christian Adventure  
The Christian and the Abundant Life  
The Christian and the Holy Spirit  
The Christian and Prayer  
The Christian and the Bible  
The Christian and Obedience  
The Christian and Witnessing  
The Christian and Giving  
Exploring the Old Testament  
Exploring the New Testament

## THIRTY DISCIPLESHIP LESSONS (Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

### **New Beginnings**

Salvation  
Assurance  
Lordship  
The Bible  
Prayer  
The Holy Spirit's Indwelling  
Witness

### **Continuing the Walk**

Jesus Christ: His Person and Work  
The Holy Spirit—His Works  
Trusting in God  
Discipleship  
Obedience  
The Church  
Satan the Tempter  
Victory  
God's Forgiveness  
Praise and Thanksgiving  
Guidance  
Adversity  
Discipline  
Self-denial  
Generosity  
God's Divine Care  
Love  
Humility  
Honesty  
Our Heart  
Our tongues  
Forgiving Others  
Proper Perspective

## DISCOVERY SERIES

(Centers of Church Based Training)

### **Book 1 – Discovering the Christian Life**

- Section 1 – Understanding the Gospel of Grace
  - The Conversion Experience
  - What must I Do to Be Saved
  - Our Position in Christ
  - The Significance of Baptism
- Section 2 – Growing in Grace
  - Walking by the Spirit
  - Intimacy with God-Discipline of Devotion
  - Intimacy with God-Discipline of Prayer
  - Growing in the Church
- Section 3 – Living by Grace in the Real World
  - Enemies of Grace: the World, the Flesh
  - Enemy of Grace: the Devil
  - Lifestyle Choices in the Real World
  - Being a Positive Witness

### **Book 2 – Discovering Intimacy With God**

- The Scope of the Quest
- Knowing the Unknowable: The Trinity
- God Revealed in the Old Testament
- God Revealed in the New Testament
- Our God is Sovereign
- Our God is Holy
- Our God is Loving
- God the Father
- God the Son
- God the Holy Spirit
- Loving God
- Loving People

### **Book 3 – Discovering Your Role in God's Family**

- Section 1 – Understanding the Church
  - God's New Community
  - A Biblically Functioning Community
  - A Spirit-Directed Community
- Section 2 – Participating in the Church
  - Growing Into Christlikeness
  - Worshipping Together
  - Enlarging the Family
  - Loving One-Another: Body Life
  - Encouraging One-Another
  - Serving One-Another
  - Sharing with One-Another
  - Praying for One-Another
- Section 3 – Summary
  - Action Plan

## DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

(Greg Ogden)

### **Part One: Growing Up in Christ**

- Making Disciples
- Being a Disciple
- Quiet Time
- Bible Study
- Prayer
- Worship

### **Part Two: Understanding the Message of Christ**

- The Three-Person God
- Made in God's Image
- Sin
- Grace
- Redemption
- Justification
- Adoption

### **Part Three: Becoming Like Christ**

- Filled With the Holy Spirit
- Fruit of the Holy Spirit
- Trust
- Love Justice
- Witness

### **Part Four: Serving Christ**

- The Church
- Ministry Gifts
- Spiritual Warfare
- Walking in Obedience
- Sharing the Wealth

### **Bonus Section**

- Money
- Appendix: Building a Discipleship Ministry

(Additional reading included in each chapter)

## WEBSITES FOR RESOURCES

- [navigators.org](http://navigators.org)
- [cbmc.com](http://cbmc.com)
- [cru.org](http://cru.org)
- [ccbt.org](http://ccbt.org)
- [discipleship.org](http://discipleship.org)
- [catapultministries.org](http://catapultministries.org)