

# DISCIPLESHIP



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## DISCIPLESHIP AGREEMENT

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The Bible is a gold mine for the soul, and the teachings of Jesus are surely the Mother-Lode of it's grace and truth. When Jesus gave the great commission in Matthew He gave the outline of what it means to be a disciple. He didn't call them 'Christians', but 'disciples.' In the great commission (Matthew 28:19,20) Jesus said to make disciples (of Him), baptize them (Acts 2:38,39), and teach those disciples to observe and keep whatever He had first commanded them (Acts 3:22,23).

**Q: What is discipleship?**

A: It's NOT counseling. It's walking alongside someone; challenging them to study and live out the Bible in their life, and to influence others with the gospel. A disciple is a learner. Discipleship is intentional & relational. You meet once a week at any location for about an hour or so but it will transform a life to be more like Christ. In a nutshell it's THE GREAT COMMISSION...He commanded that "...As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21).

**Q: How do I know if I am ready to be discipled?**

A: A person can say, "I really want to go to law school." But if they skip school, don't do their homework, and go to sleep in class, do they really want to go? NO WAY! So it is in our discipleship program there are 3 things to consider before jumping into discipleship.

1. Someone who desires to be discipled must be **BORN AGAIN**. Check out John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Salvation is guaranteed, but not discipleship, because discipleship makes radical demands that some people are not always willing to meet. Unfortunately, there are Christians who are truly saved but do not commit to going deeper in their walk with God through discipleship."

2. A believer in Christ who desires to be discipled must be **FAITHFUL to the BODY of CHRIST FIRST**. Are you faithful in regular fellowship with God's people in church? Do you long for fellowship with other believers? Discipleship is incomplete if we are not first committed to a local body of believers. Hebrews 10: 25 "Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

3. A believer in Christ who desires to be discipled must **BE a PART of a GROW GROUP**. At Redline Church our first level of discipleship is participating in a small group where you can grow in your walk with God by building your relationship with Jesus and others. Everything in life revolves around relationships — everything. The most important relationship is a personal relationship with our heavenly Father through His Son Jesus Christ — a vertical relationship. Horizontal relationships bring balance and the most beneficial are with others as a community of believers -WE CALL IT –FAMILY.

Check out Acts 2:41-47, we read that the early Christians (disciples) were involved in nine basic activities. They: (1) believed in Jesus Christ, (2) were baptized, (3) were added to the group, (4) spent their time in learning, (5) took part in the fellowship, (6) shared their possessions, (7) prayed together, (8) met regularly as a group to worship, and (9) regularly added new believers to the group.

**Q: How long is the committment?** A: We are to be lifetime learners however, the initial first steps of discipleship is once a week for 10-12 weeks.

**Q: What happens after the 10-12 weeks is over?**

A: We have no problem saying, "You graduated!!

It's time to move on, and you and I can continue to encourage each other, but we don't need to disciple forever. This is where the opportunity will arise to choose to disciple another after you have now gone through the discipleship.

**Q: Is Discipleship just for new Christians?**

A: No! These training materials are not just for new Christians. Discipleship is for Christians of all ages and stages. While First Steps is designed to establish new Christians in the foundations of the Christian life, 1st steps will help Christians of all ages move on towards maturity and spiritual effectiveness by learning the foundations they may have never learned & turning around & discipling another. We learn the pay it forward method that is more than rewarding.

**Q: Should you disciple members of the opposite sex?**

A: No. Discipleship is too intimate and much is shared so it's healthiest to be discipled by the same sex.

**Q: What would you say to someone who doesn't think they need discipleship?**

A: We need to be sharpened and poured into by other people. As you read the Bible, you see that people were in community together. We all have our blind spots. We are all susceptible to temptations. Even if you have been walking with Jesus for a long time we all need others to refine us. We need people to tell us how we affect them, when we are not being fully humble and when we are not being completely loving.

**Q: How much is the book?** A: First Steps Book is \$20 (however when completed the \$20 is given back as a "Way to go!").

## **We agree to the following principles....**

**1) Availability:** Be reliable and be available to each other. Strive to be consistent in attendance and communicate if you will not be able to make it.

**2) Prayer:** Pray before and after our Bible study. Prayer encourages us to stay humble. We need to spend less time (talking) about one another, and more time (praying) for each other.

**3) Confidentiality:** We must not gossip and must adhere to the scripture Anything said in the meeting is not to be “shared” or repeated outside the meeting without the expressed consent of the other members in advance.

**4) Accountability:** In authentic relationships, accountability is voluntary submission to another for support, encouragement, and help in particular areas of your life that you are struggling with.

**5) Participation:** Being a part of a grow group is vital to help build the foundation of the Word of God & the success of each believer.

**My Personal Covenant:**

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, believing that He, along with God the Father and the Holy Spirit and being in agreement with my local church mission, vision and values, I commit myself to God and to the following:

I realize God’s ultimate goal for me is to make me like Christ (1 John 3:2). As I become more like Him, I will discover my true self, the person I was destined & created to be. I desire to be conformed to Christ’s likeness by reading and obeying God’s Word, by studying Jesus’ life on earth through the Gospels, by being filled with and daily walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, to my becoming a student and to be challenged to become spiritually mature. I believe that Jesus commands me to tell others the Good News and that I must first be a disciple before I can make disciples of others for His Kingdom.

We will meet from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and we will strive to start on time and end on time.

We will meet at \_\_\_\_\_ (place).

As such, I agree with the terms of this agreement.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_