

DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT: COMPETENCY

All answers to questions should be formed with corresponding Scripture references. An answer is not complete until demonstrated with reference to the Scriptures.

BE WITH JESUS

Gospel and Discipleship

- Concisely share the gospel with Scripture.
- What is the “cost of following Jesus?”
- What is discipleship? What is its purpose and what should it look like?

Bible Reading

- Why should a person read and meditate upon the Bible daily? Are you disciplined in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Prayer

- What is prayer, and why should we pray? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Scripture Memory

- Why should a person memorize Scripture? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Fasting

- Why should a person fast? What is fasting? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Giving

- Why should a person give to the local church? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Evangelism

- Why should a person share the gospel with the lost? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Faithfulness

- Why should a person be faithful to the local church and its varied environments and gatherings? Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

BE GROUNDED IN JESUS

The Scriptures

- What do you believe about the Bible?

God

- Who is God?
- Explain the Trinity.
- What does it mean that God is holy?
- Has God always existed?
- Who is the Father, and what is his role in salvation?
- Who is the Son, and what is his role in salvation?
- Who is the Holy Spirit, and what is his role in salvation?

Man

- What is special about humans in relationship to the rest of God's creation?
- What is sin?
- When does a person become a sinner and why?
- What are the consequences of sin?

Christ

- What does it mean that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ?
- Demonstrate the Deity of Christ from Scripture.
- Demonstrate the Humanity of Christ from Scripture.
- Did Jesus ever sin?
- How does Jesus' life relate to the Law of Moses (Ten Commandments)?
- Explain what is taking place in Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross.
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Why did Jesus have to be raised from the dead?

Salvation

- How is a person saved from their sin?
- What is election?
- What is regeneration?
- What is justification?
- What is sanctification?
- What is glorification?

Last Things

- What does the Bible teach about the return of Christ?
- How will Christ return?
- What is the final judgment?
- What do you believe about Hell?
- What is the New Heavens and New Earth?

The Church

- What is the church in a universal sense?
- What is a local church?
- What are the offices within a church?
- Who can hold the offices within a church?
- What are the two church ordinances?
- What is the purpose of a church?
- What is baptism?
- What is the Lord's Supper?

BE CONFORMED TO JESUS

Obedience

- How does obedience relate to salvation?
- How does justification relate to sanctification?
- What does obedience to Jesus look like in your life practically? Is there anything in your life of which you are not repenting or obeying Jesus?

Transformation by the Word and Spirit

- What is “renewing the mind,” and how does this take place?
- What is “putting off and putting on” as it relates to sanctification?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our sanctification?
- How are you practically pursuing sanctification on a day to day basis?
- What is given by God as a weapon to fight sin?

Suffering

- Why is suffering necessary for a follower of Jesus?
- Why can we have hope in suffering?
- How should our minds be drawn to Christ in times of suffering?

BE SENT BY JESUS

The Mission of the Church

- What is the Great Commission?
- What reasons do we have to be confident in our commitment to Christ in this mission?
- How do we define success in terms of our participation in Christ’s mission?

Sharing the Gospel

- What components/elements of truth must be presented for a gospel presentation to be complete?
- What is a “conversational bridge,” and what kinds of bridges do you employ to enter gospel conversations?
- When was the last time you shared the gospel?
- How are you practically pursuing opportunities to share with others on a regular basis?

Making Disciples

- Where do we see discipleship in the Bible?
- Why must discipleship incorporate both instruction and relationships?
- How are you practically engaged in discipleship currently?
- Are you ready to lead others? Why or why not? What is needed for you to become ready?

DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT: CHARACTER

If a member of the D-Group is going to lead their own, we want to see them not only growing in competency in the scriptures but also in godliness (1 Timothy 4:12) before leading their own group. As a disciple-maker, consider the following questions as you assess the spiritual growth of each member in your D-Group. Answers to these questions require life-on-life investment.

Are they growing in reading and obeying God's word?

- What is the quality of their time in God's word?
- What specifically have they shared that they are obeying based on their reading of scripture?

Are they growing in memorizing God's word?

- Are they sharing with you what they are memorizing and why?

Are they growing in their prayer life?

- What does this discipline look like in their lives? Are they praying biblically?

Are they growing in their faithfulness to the church?

- Are they in a community group faithfully?
- Are they serving in any areas? Especially areas where they may not be inclined to serve otherwise?

Are they growing in their understanding and desire to fast?

- What does this discipline look like in their lives?

Are they growing in faithfully stewarding the resources God has given them?

- Do they make it a practice to give?

Are they growing in their understanding of God and how biblical beliefs about God shape their lives?

- Examples?

Are they growing in their belief that the scripture is sufficient to help them lead lives of godliness?

- Are the scriptures influencing the way they view themselves and the world? What area(s) do they need to grow in as it pertains to this?

Are they growing in their understanding of sin and repentance?

- Are they applying the truth of scripture to help them fight sin?

Are they growing in their belief in justification?

- Do they have an on-going struggle with assurance of salvation?

How are they growing in sanctification?

Are the fruits of the Spirit modeled in their lives? Which one are they lacking in?

Are they growing in their love for Jesus' church?

- Are they regularly present in the life of the church?

Are they growing in the way they suffer?

- Are they suffering with hope or despair?

Are they growing in their language?

- Are they using inappropriate/foul language?
- Are they gossiping?

Are they growing in their focus on Jesus?

- Are they more concerned with allegiance to political/social agenda than with the salvation of sinners?
- Are they overly focused on theological debates? (i.e. Calvinism, End Time theology, etc.)