

Disciple: “a born-again believer who desires to learn what the Bible teaches, seeks to obey God’s instruction, is committed to following Christ’s example, and teaches the truth of Scripture to others.”- Dr. A. Burggraff, *Discipleship Today*

Another definition is that “Disciple” is simply a “life-long learner”.

Discipleship of Christ involved different size crowds (and so does Women’s Ministry)

- 5,000 people
 - o Matthew 5:1-2 Sermon on the Mount
 - o John 6:1-2 Feeding the 5000
 - o Mark 6:34 Compassion for the shepherd-less
- 70 people
 - o Luke 10:1- the 70 are sent out
 - o Matt 9:9-13 eating with Matthew’s tax collector friends
 - o Luke 19: party at the home of Zaccheus
- 12 disciples
 - o John 13 Washing their feet
 - o Matt 8:29-37 Calming the storm
 - o Mark 8:27-33 Confession (and rebuke) of Peter
- 4 close friends
 - o Luke 9:28-36 Transfiguration
 - o Mark 10:35-45 James’s and John’s request
 - o Matt 26:36-38 In Gethsemane when He asked them to pray
- 1 on 1 with God.
 - o Mark 1:35 Waking early to pray
 - o Luke 6:12 Before calling the 12
 - o John 5:19 Jesus does only what He sees the Father doing.

From Table 2, page 59, *Discipleship that Fits*, by Harrington and Absalom

Summary Chart of Principles of Biblical Discipleship

- Make disciples (Matt 28:19-20)
- Resemble the Master in all areas of life (Luke 6:40)
- Be singular in allegiance to Christ (Luke 14:26-27)
- Specific characteristics of life (John 15:7-8)
 - Passion for the Word of God
 - Consistent prayer life
 - 😊 Bible and prayer; Bible and prayer 😊
- Proper mindset in relation to the world (Rom 12:1-2)
 - A living sacrifice, not conforming to the world
- Desire to replicate in the lives of others (2 Tim 2:2)
 - Making disciples who make disciples.

(page 49, *Discipleship Today*, by Andrew Burrgraff)

Can we agree, ladies, that we are called to make disciples?

With a calling to make disciples who make disciples, set goals for Women's Ministry.

Intentional goal makes all other decisions easier:

- Purpose of Women's Ministry (eg.)
 - Inspire others to daily be in the Bible (Prov 2:1-7)
 - Forsake not the gathering (Hebrews 10:25)
 - Sharpen as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17)
 - Grow spiritually together (Eph 4:15)
 - Community of which they feel a part. (Rom 12:5)
 - Carrying one another's burdens (Gal 6:2) – know what's *really* going on in each other's lives.
- **Goal for the individual: That women grow their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer and daily time in His Word.**
😊 Bible and prayer 😊

Advice to get those goals:

- 1. Let them know you CARE.**
- 2. Always have a Barnabas, Paul and Timothy**
- 3. Let your light so shine. (Matt 5:16)**
- 4. Intentionally pray with, train and protect those who disciple others. (Don't assume they just know.)**
 - a. Pray
 - b. Train
 - i. Guidelines, teamwork
 - c. "Protect" the team (Matt 9:36, Mark 6:34)
- 5. Attitude: duck on water.**
- 6. Advisory Council (Prov 15:22)**