



## Discipleship Definitions

**DISCIPLESHIP IS CHRIST-CENTERED.** It is not just about knowledge, but about a changed life. We don't want smarter sinners; we want people who are becoming more like Christ in their character, thoughts, and actions.

*Romans 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS SACRIFICIAL.** We intentionally lay down our own agendas, comfort, and preferences for the sake of others. We invest our time and energy because our Savior gave everything for us first.

*Luke 9:23 "Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS RELATIONAL.** We care about people and share our lives because every soul matters to God.

*1 Thessalonians 2:8 "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS INTENTIONAL.** We move with purpose. Every meeting, every conversation, and every activity is designed to move someone closer to Christ.

*1 Corinthians 9:26 "Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air."*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS AUTHENTIC.** We reject "mask-wearing." We are honest about our struggles and our victories because growth cannot happen in a state of delusion.

*Ephesians 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS ACCOUNTABILITY.** We give others permission to speak into our lives. We hold each other to the standard of the Word because we want to see each other succeed.

*Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*



**DISCIPLESHIP BREEDS EVANGELISM.** We make disciples that make disciples. We pour into others so that they can eventually pour into someone else.

*2 Timothy 2:2 — "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."*

**DISCIPLESHIP IS CONSISTENT.** It is a marathon, not a sprint. We show up even when it's inconvenient because true growth happens through steady, long-term commitment to God and to one another.

*Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*