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"Teaching" = Coaching through systematic teaching and accountability

As a person commits to a local church, the third stage of disciple-making is mentoring them to learn, grow and serve, and eventually, disciple others.

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What will this involve?



Titus 2:1-6

Imparting knowledge. The younger Christians must be given an understanding of the Christian life – its priorities, posture, position, and practices. They must be solidly grounded in the Word of God, and learn how to read and study the Bible for themselves.



I Cor 11:1; Tis 2:7, I Tim 4:12

Modelling obedience. The younger Christian must see what obedience looks like in the fires of real life. Furthermore, they must see that obedience works - that there is wisdom in it. Someone once said, "Some Christianity is better caught than taught!" The only way for this to happen is for them to spend time with you and observe how you respond to life's situations.



1 Thes 2:7-12 Setting goals, supervision and correction & encouragement. The younger Christian must be 'trained' in godliness, which means insisting on disciplines in his or her life, which you hold him or her accountable for. Without supervision, our deceitful hearts slide back to disobedience. Do not underestimate the need for accountability in the disciple's life.



I Thes 5:14, 2 Tim 3:16

Counselling and guidance through problems and circumstances. Using Biblical wisdom, the more mature Christian should help the younger believer apply Scripture to his or her life.



I Cor 4:2, 2 Tim 2:2

Delegating responsibility in response to increased faithfulness. As believers grow, they are to serve others. They must begin using their spiritual gift(s) in sacrificial love. In time, they must help guide others as well.



Ephesians 6:18

Praying faithfully. Nothing can be done unless the Spirit of God does His work of illumination in the person's heart. Pray for your disciple's spiritual and physical needs.

## Progress assessment and planning for change

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Have you shared the Gospel with someone recently?

If not, have there been opportunities you have neglected to do so?

Have you deliberately sought opportunities to witness for Christ?



Identify at least one individual whom you are going to reach out to in evangelism. Share that person's name with the group and ask them to hold you accountable to pray and witness to him or her.

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Have you been living with a view to reproducing yourself through discipleship? Or have you been focused on yourself?

If you have come this far in this discipleship series, you already have enough knowledge to teach a younger believer.

Are you willing to take upon the biblical responsibility of discipling another person?

Has God brought someone to your attention who needs discipleship? If so, have you prayed about being the person to disciple them?



Decide on a plan of action to obey God in the area of mentoring another believer. Be specific as to your methods, aims and goals.

## Scripture memorisation

Go through Matthew 28:19-20 together. Clarify the meaning and its application. Make every effort to memorise it together before leaving the session.