

Advanced Discipleship Training (ADT)

There is a fresh interest in the church today for Christian Discipleship. Many churches and denominations started to realize that there is a need for *spiritual formation*; therefore some churches increase their budgets and staff for this purpose. Since I love discipleship, this is music to my ears and it makes my heart beat faster. Even though there is a fresh interest for spiritual growth and maturity, there is so much to be done and not enough time.

In the New Testament era, when Jesus said, “*make disciples*” the apostles understood that Christ’s intent was not simply getting people to believe in Him (*convert* them), but to help these believers become what Jesus intended for them (*disciple* them).

According to the *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*, “a convert is someone who changes from one faith to another.” However, **The Great Commission** from **Matthew 28:19-20** does not say “*make converts*”, instead it says, “*make disciples*.” Dallas Willard, professor of philosophy at University of Southern California, in his book *The Great Omission*, writes, “The last command Jesus gave the church before he ascended to heaven was the **Great Commission**, the call for Christians to ‘*make disciples of all the nations.*’ But Christians have responded by making ‘*Christians,*’ not ‘*disciples.*’ This has been the church’s *Great Omission.*”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the author of *The Cost of Discipleship*, considered the lack of discipleship—*cheap grace*, “the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without

personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ.”

Upper Room Fellowship Ministry (URFM), a *teaching* and *counseling* ministry, known for its efforts in Spiritual Growth & Maturity (SG&M), has set, once again—*discipleship*, through the **Advanced Discipleship Training (ADT)**, as its highest objective.

URFM, through ADT, provides the *environment*, the *tools*, and the *teaching* so that the **Christian Discipleship** and **Spiritual Growth & Maturity** process could take place in the lives of interested individuals, men and women, young and old alike. We must pray that Christians all over the world would get out of their comfort zones, and—*be disciplined* and *make disciples*.

So help us God.

The Ultimate Intention

The Ultimate Intention of the Church is:

- ◆ A *mature disciple* who *knows* God *intimately* and *personally* (John 17:3),
- ◆ A *disciple* who accepted the *discipleship call* and *carries* the *cross* daily (Luke 9:23, Galatians 2:20),
- ◆ A *person* whose *mind* and *character* are *continuously renewed and transformed* by the Spirit and the Word of God (Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Galatians 5:22-23),
- ◆ A *disciple* who *grows* and *matures* into the *fullness* of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrew 5:11-14, 6:1-3),
- ◆ A *mature disciple* who, ultimately, *multiplies* disciples according to the Christ’s and the apostles’ *discipleship model* (Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Timothy 2:2).

ADT Specifications:

The ADT is structured into eight (8) distinctive **Learning Modules**. These Modules are:

- **MODULE I: The BIBLE**—*The Foundation for Spiritual Growth & Maturity*
- **MODULE II: DISCIPLESHIP**—*The HEART of The Great Commission*
- **MODULE III: MATURITY**—*The GOAL of DISCIPLESHIP*
- **MODULE IV: The FLESH**—*The MAJOR OBSTACLE towards Spiritual Maturity*
- **MODULE V: The CROSS**—*The MYSTERY of SUFFERING that only a few EMBRACE it*
- **MODULE VI: IDENTITY**—*Knowing who we are in Christ The Key to Spiritual Victory*
- **MODULE VII: FREE in Christ**—*Understanding Spiritual Warfare*
- **MODULE VIII: FRUITS & GIFTS**—*Developing a Genuine Intimacy with the Holy Spirit*

Structure:

ADT can be provided **one-on-one** online, via email, WEBINARS, and virtual conference rooms, therefore, anyone around the globe can benefit from this online training. ADT spans over two (2) year period and is provided in two languages: *English* and *Romanian*.

Each Module is extended over eight (8) weeks of *intensive STUDIES, interaction, practical projects, and personal reflection*.

The Goal of our instruction is LOVE (2 Timothy 1:5). Therefore special care is taken in maintaining a balance between *learning* and *personal growth*.

The Learning Process:

People have different styles of learning. Some are *visual*—they study with the help of visual support, others are *auditory*—they like listening and talking, and others are *tactile/kinesthetic*—they prefer to analyze text, highlight or underline it and take many notes. Most learners, however, have a *mixed learning style*.

Each Module is structured in such of way to allow the disciple/student to be exposed to various *learning styles*: (1) *visual*, (2) *auditory*, and (3) *tactile/kinesthetic*.

Registration:

The following items are necessary for registration for the ADT:

- (1) the disciple's personal *application*,
- (2) the disciple's *covenant*,
- (3) the disciple's promissory *pledge*,
- (4) the personal *essay*,
- (5) three letters of *recommendations*,
- (6) personal *learning style assessment*.

Please contact us immediately for details and to download these forms. **Seats are limited so please respond promptly.**

Endorsements:

"In a world that increasingly finds itself without fences, it is more imperative than ever that we make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Valy Vaduva has rightly understood that God's ultimate intention is to have a family of reproducing sons and daughters who are also an army of multiplying disciples. His objective to edify the church and glorify its Lord.

Trough **Advanced Discipleship Training** would be a complement and an asset to any local congregation longing to grow up into the fullness of Christ. Passion, maturity, outreach, identity,

spiritual warfare, intimacy — it's all there in **Upper Room Fellowship Ministry's** intent and content. I encourage you to check it out."

— **Steve Pettit, Pastor, CenterPoint Christian Fellowship, Gainesville, FL, USA**

"Valy Vaduva is passionate about helping Christians discover who they are in Christ and how to grow by the grace of God."

— **Dr. Neil T. Anderson, Founder and President Emeritus of Freedom in Christ Ministries**



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Are you hungry for the Word of God? Do you feel that you have not grown spiritually for the last several years? Are you ready to pay the price and let the Holy Spirit make you and mold you more and more into the likeness of Christ? Do you really desire to become all that God intends for you? Are you passionate to let Christ make a difference in you and around you? If your answer is "**Yes!**" to one or more of these questions, you are the perfect candidate, the perfect *mathetes* for the **Advanced Discipleship Training** offered by URFM.

Contact us immediately!!!

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"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

— **Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)**

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"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

— **Apostle Paul (2 Timothy 2:2)**