

**Bright Side Baptist Church  
New Members Class #6**

**CHURCH  
DISCIPLESHIP**

# What We Will Review Today

- Purpose of the Disciple Ministry Center
- What is Discipleship?
- Jesus Christ, our model of a True Disciple
- Characteristics of Discipleship
- Scriptures defining Discipleship

# **Discipleship Ministry Center Purpose**

- Guiding Principle - Being guided by the Holy Spirit, create and execute a discipleship model for all members. This Ministry will strive to grow members as followers of Christ. To assist members in their personal growth as followers of Christ, as well as establishing a relationship with new members and working to retain them and help them grow into contributing members.

# Scriptural References for Discipleship

- II Peter 3:18 - But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...
- Matthew 16:24 - Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

# Basic Steps in Discipleship

Seekers



Believers



Disciples



Disciple-Makers

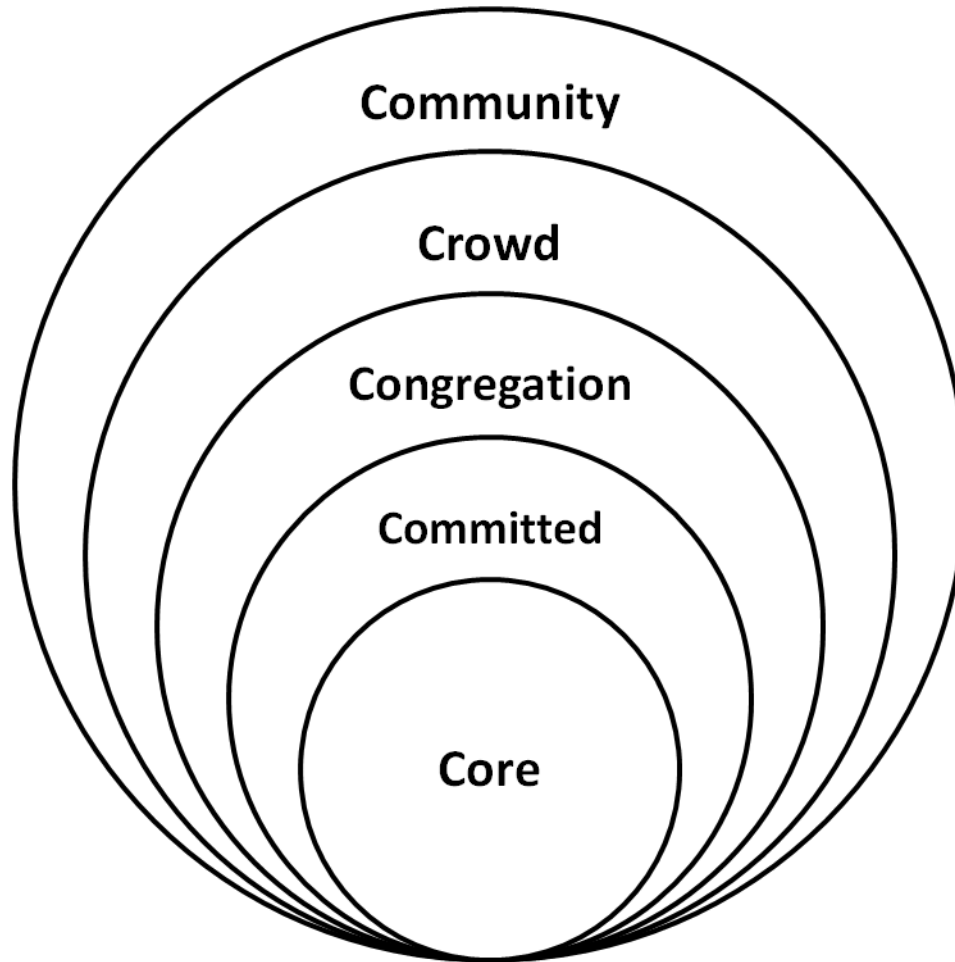
# Defining the Steps of Discipleship

- **Seeker** - A person that is seeking to know the Lord.
- **Believer** - A person that has come to know the Lord as their Savior.
- **Disciple** - A person who follows the principles of Jesus Christ.
- **Disciple Maker** - A person who works to get others to follow Jesus Christ.

# Who's Who?

- **Community** - Those individuals who are outside of the church.
- **Crowd** - Those individuals in the church but have not made a commitment to join.
- **Congregation** - Those individuals who have joined the church and make up the church body.
- **Committed** - Those individuals who take an active role in church activities.
- **Core** - Those individuals who are in leadership positions within the church.

# Who's Who Graphically





# Two Areas of Discipleship Training

## \* **Discipling of New Members**

- a. Retention of individuals who have joined the church
- b. Objective is to keep them coming back

## \* **Discipling of Existing Members**

- a. Get them to grow deeper and stronger in their relationship with Christ

# Discipleship Defined

- **General Disciple** - A pupil or follower, who accepts and helps, promotes and spread his masters teaching. (Webster's Dictionary)
- **Biblical Disciple** - Those who follow *Jesus*. Refers to the Apostles ( Matt. 10:1, 11:1), but more often to Christians. (Acts 6:1, 2,7)

# Discipleship Cont.

- **Joining the church**
  - **Begin a New Life**
  - **Taste the Love of Jesus Christ**
  - **Become a Laborer for the Lord**
  - **Ordered to Follow the example of Jesus**
- **Conditions of Discipleship**
  - **Progressive Work**
  - **Surrender All to God**
  - **Stops only at Death**
  - **Focus**
    - a. **Studying of God's Word**
    - b. **Self- Examination**
    - c. **Self- Denial**
    - d. **Prayer**
    - e. **Watchfulness**

# Jesus Christ

- Is the ultimate example of what a disciple should model.
- Live a life that represents His new covenant. (Grace)
- If you are not following Him, you are being lead down the path of death and destruction.

# Characteristics of Biblical Discipleship

- **Agape Love**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Commitment**
- **Frequency**
- **Honesty**
- **Compassion**
- **Humility**
- **Integrity**
- **Courtesy**
- **Empathy**



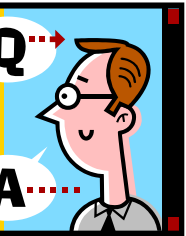
# Goals of Discipleship

**Bring Them** - by teaching them in interesting and practical ways. (Matt. 13:34)

- **Build Them** - This starts the moment that an individual becomes a member. Church is to help individuals grow spiritually.
- **Train Them** - Get them to commit.
- **Send Them** - Once committed and grown they are to be sent out to disciple others.



# Questions and Answers



# Summary

The commitment to being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a serious one. You are working to save souls for the Kingdom of God. It requires that you study God's Word, reflect on it and live it. You are to be an example of what Christ revealed to you as being a follower of God. You are to Bring Them to God, Build Them up in spiritual maturity, then Train Them to do God's will so that you can Send Them to bring others to the Lord.