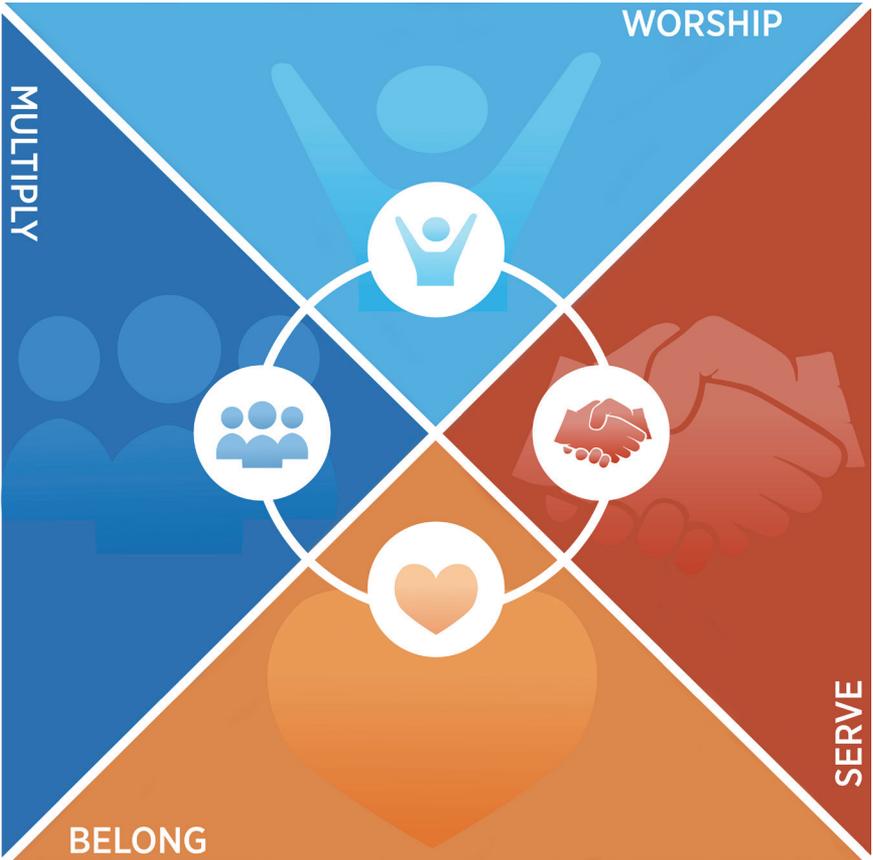


DISCIPLESHIP @ BAY LIFE CHURCH



Why Discipleship?

Discipleship is God's corporate plan for making unbelievers into family members of Christ who know and trust in His Gospel, mature in Him, and lead others into this same relationship until He returns. To that end, our mission at Bay Life Church is to bring glory to God by being disciples who make disciples. We fulfill this mission by being worshipers of God, in community with other believers, serving both the church and our community, and sharing the love of God with all those we encounter.

FOUR CHAIRS OF DISCIPLE-MAKING

Based on Matthew 4:19, “And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men,’” we define a disciple as a follower of Jesus, who is being transformed by Jesus, and who is on mission with Jesus.

Our **Discipleship Groups**, or **D-groups**, provide an environment where participants experience authentic discipleship through intentional relational investment that is reproducible.

	<i>CHAIR ONE</i>	<i>CHAIR TWO</i>	<i>CHAIR THREE</i>	<i>CHAIR FOUR</i>
Invitation	Come and See John 1:39 (Invitation to investigate)	Come and Follow Me John 1:43 (Invitation to learn)	Come and Be with Me/ Fish for People Matthew 4:19 (Invitation to be equipped)	Remain in Me/ Go and Bear Fruit John 15:16 (Invitation to multiply and make disciples)
Biblical Name	Seeker	Believer	Apprentice/ Worker	Disciple-Maker
Basic Needs	- The Gospel - Answers - Christian friends	- Identity - Spiritual practices - Bible study - Parenting	- Ministry - Opportunities - Peers - Training	- Wisdom - Other Models - Mentors
Skills Needed	- Open mind - Open heart	- Walk - Talk (with God and others) - Feed themselves - Clean themselves	- Run - Tell God’s story - Feed others - Holy Spirit power	- Endure - Defend truth - Teach Word rightly - Holy lifestyle

FOUR CHAIRS DISCIPLE-MAKER ASSESSMENT

	Disagree	Unsure	Agree
I am confident that I will be with God in heaven after I die.			
There is only one way to God and that is through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.			
I have put my faith in Christ's death and resurrection as the only payment for my sin.			
	Weak	Improving	Strong
I am consistently developing the character of Christ (love, joy, peace... Galatians 5:22-23).			
I am dependent on God's Spirit for strength and direction in my everyday life.			
I spend time with God each day by reading His Word and talking to Him through prayer.			
	Weak	Improving	Strong
I am pursuing relationships with spiritually lost people and praying for their salvation.			
I know how to communicate my salvation story well (my testimony) and how to share the gospel message.			
I am consistently sharing what God is teaching me with others to encourage them in their faith.			
	Weak	Improving	Strong
I am regularly meeting with at least one other believer to show them how to follow Christ.			
I model a disciple-making lifestyle that inspires and encourages others to make disciples.			
I have disciplined someone I led to Christ, and they are now discipling someone they led to Christ.			
Total Each Column:			

Last Column Totals: 0 = Chair 1, 1-4 = Chair 2, 5-8 = Chair 3, 9-12 = Chair 4

Next Steps

What intentional steps do you sense God calling you to make in your journey?

1. Complete the Four Chair Disciple-Maker Assessment.
2. Contact the Connections Coordinator to schedule, and meet with a member of the Discipleship Team to explore options for your personal discipleship plan.
3. Begin your journey of discipleship through a Life Group, Discipleship Group, training events, and personal activities.

BLC DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

CONGREGATION

Large Group
On-going
Worship
Sacraments
Prayer & Teaching
Testimony & Celebration
(Acts 2:42-47)



LIFE GROUP

10-14 People
Ongoing
Bible Study
Prayer
Fellowship
Unity and Care
(Acts 2:42-47)



DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

2-4 People
Specified time period
Discipleship
Accountability
Multiplying
(Matthew 4:19)



COMMUNITY

City/Town
On-going
Spiritual Conversations
Share the Gospel
Share Personal Story
(Matthew 28:18-20)



Discipleship

life+bible+time

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