

Lighthouse Baptist Church Nelson Bay - Discipleship Road Map: Based on Great commandment (Matt. 22:34-40) and Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)

- 1) Read scripture passages and look at each discipleship principle with a mentor. 2) Draw in the “memory aid” (1 for each principle) in the white box down left-hand side.
- 3) Tick circles below you feel you have understood and regularly practice as you move through each discipleship principle (teach principles in order they are given: 1-7).
- 4) Underline words/concepts where God is actively at work in your life. 5) Put a circle around the areas that you would most like to see grow in your life in each discipleship principle.

| | Beginning disciple | Growing disciple | Mature disciple |
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| Live in God’s LOVE (Love God) – Goal: Connect with God in a meaningful way each day through spiritual practices such as prayer, bible reading, solitude, etc. | | | |
| 1) Repent and believe Matt. 7:13-14 Mark 1:15 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having made a faith decision to follow Christ, seeing yourself as an apprentice of Jesus. “At your feet” - Casting crowns ○ Embracing the experience of being baptised and sharing in communion. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Growing in your ability to discern Gods’ leading and respond in faith. “I have decided to follow Jesus” - Eugene Thomas, Holland Davis ○ Identifying unhealthy understandings of who God is from your upbringing and past experiences. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning to wait on God for His timing. ○ Expecting the supernatural as you respond to the HS leading and direction in your life. |
| 2) Connecting with God John 15:4-7 Matt. 6:9-13 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regularly prayer, bible reading and spending time with God. ○ “Breathe” - Jonny Diaz | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sharing regularly with God your thoughts and feelings. ○ “At your feet” - Children of Inheritance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you through whatever each day brings. ○ Continuing to trust God in the difficulty of life. ○ Acknowledging the temporary nature of this life and the eternal, unshakable nature of God’s kingdom. |
| GROW in our new identity in Christ (Love ourselves as God loves us) – Goal: Establish accountability structures for spiritual growth – growth/discipleship group, accountability partner | | | |
| 4) New life in Christ John 1: 13 John 16:5-13 Coll. 3:1-17 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seeing yourself as a beloved child of God in who Christ dwells. “Who am I!” - Hillsong ○ Allowing Jesus into the broken areas in your life such as addictions, rejection and insecurities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confessing you sin and accepting God’s forgiveness, letting go of past shame. “Flawless” - MercyMe ○ Identifying and changing ungodly thinking and behaviour such as worry, anger, lust, envy, pride and greed though Christ living in you. “In Christ Alone” - Keith Getty, Stuart Townend | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ability to be vulnerable with God and others about your struggles and joys because you are secure in your new identity in Christ. ○ “Define me” - Jonny Diaz ○ “Hello, My Name Is” - Matthew West |
| SERVE in loving church community (love others) – Goal: Regularly use your time, talents and treasure to serve God and value others. | | | |
| 5) Loving and respecting others – John 13:35 Luke 10:25-37 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beginning to show others the love and acceptance of Jesus. ○ “Forgiveness” - Matthew West | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overcoming prejudice to receive and expressing God’s heart of compassion for others. ○ Listening well to others needs and thinking before you speak. ○ “A new commandment” - Andrew Moore, Aniceto Nazareth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learning how to resolve conflict with others in an honest and respectful manner. ○ Forgiving others when they have hurt you. |
| 6) Intentional service Eph. 4:11-16 1 Cor 12:27 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regularly attending church, fellowshiping with God’s people and looking for ways to serve. ○ Understanding your God given gifts and abilities. “The servant song” – Richard Gillard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using your gifts, money and other resources to willingly serve others. ○ Discovering with a small group of believers how to apply the wisdom of the Bible to your life. ○ “Matthew West” - Do Something | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Praying with and for others. ○ Knowing your limits and boundaries to help avoid burn out. ○ Praying through and writing down a statement of your purpose in this life. |
| SHARE the light of Jesus (Go and make disciples) – Goal: Each one reach one (or more) each year by sharing and showing the good news of Jesus. | | | |
| 3) Sharing faith with others Acts 1:8 John 3:16 Luke 10:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Praying that God would prepare the hearts of non-Christians around you to hear the gospel. ○ Showing God’s care to those who are yet to know him through blessing and caring for them. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking appropriate questions about non-Christians spiritual journey to understand where they are with God. ○ Sharing your story of how God has changed your life with non-Christians, not worrying about what those who hear might think. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clearly sharing the gospel message with others, inviting them to start their journey with Jesus. ○ Inviting non-Christian friends to experience Christian fellowship/community. ○ “The Sending” - Leeland |
| 7) Growing disciples Matt 28:18-20 <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having a desire to train and invest in others and help them grow. ○ Seeing yourself as an ambassador for Jesus. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seeking out and helping train another person to grow in living out the words, ways and works of Jesus. “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - Isaac Watts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helping others understand and implement the multiplication process of disciple-making. ○ “Only Jesus” - Casting Crowns |

Discipleship Meeting format

| Look back – First third – Around 40min | Look up – Second third - Around 40min | Look ahead - Final third - Around 40min |
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| 1. Pastoral care – How are you doing? | 4. Vision casting – Mentor to share why this week’s lesson is important. | 6. Trainee to practice the lesson – practice gives people the confidence and competence to train someone else. |
| 2. Loving accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you going with following Jesus? • Who are you sharing your faith with at the moment? • Trainee to teach principle from last week in 5min. | 5. New lesson – reproducible discipleship lesson. Observe, reflect and discuss the discipleship principle in smaller groups. | 7. Set goals and Pray for each other – Plan, Account, Act. Taking time to hear what God is saying. Keep each other accountable next week. Goals for following Jesus and sharing about him with those who are far from God. |
| 3. Worship and prayer – Listen to song relevant to principle you are looking at this week (blue highlighted areas). | | |

Notes:

- Don’t leave out the bold/grey bits
- Make sure that time is equally distributed across the different thirds
- Make sure that you look at the discipleship principals in the order written down in the left hand side (it is not sequential)
- Break into smaller groups to share and practice to help move through the different sections if necessary
- Use technology or gifts of those in the group to help facilitate worship time.
- Leader to write action goals down and pray for them over the week.
- Goals to be revisited next meeting.