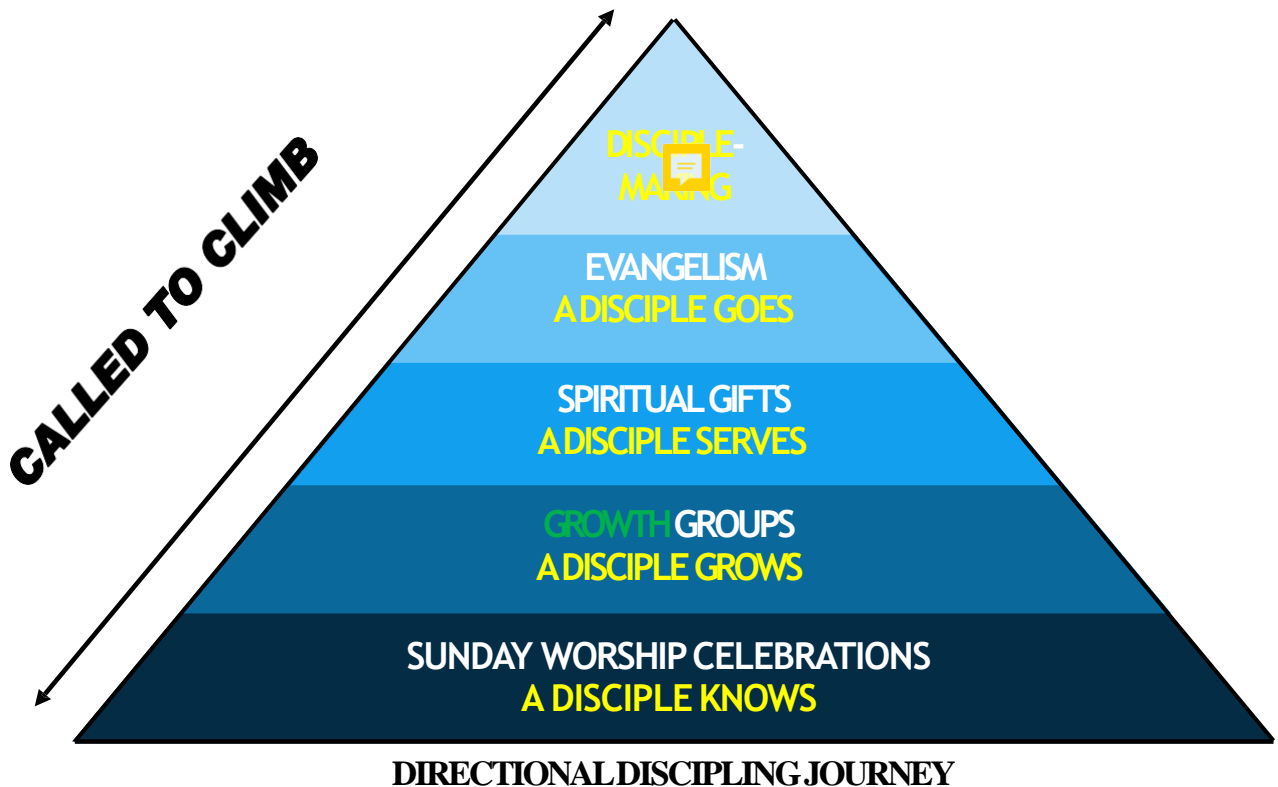


DIRECTIONAL DISCIPLING JOURNEY

Our **DIRECTIONAL DISCIPLING JOURNEY (PROCESS)** is a visual tool that directs us in forming, developing and evaluating our spiritual growth. *It assists us in understanding what we do to fulfill the mission God has called us to accomplish.* We are committed to building Christ-followers (*disciples*) who **know** God, are **growing** in their faith walk, are **servicing** in alignment with their spiritual gifts and are **going** into the world daily sharing their faith. *A Christ-follower may enter any of the four ministry tiers at any time whenever the equipping experiences are offered.*



A DISCIPLE KNOWS: Participating in Sunday Worship Celebrations...Being part of First Baptist Kingsburg's uncompromising commitment to preach and teach the Word of God, worshipping Him together in multiple venues.

Equipping Experience 100: Starting Point... an introduction to First Baptist Church, focusing on who we are...why we exist...how we do ministry...and where we are headed.

Equipping Experience 101: Church Membership... becoming familiar with our core values, mission, vision and statement of faith; discovering the distinctives of First Baptist Church and Converge along with the privileges and responsibilities of membership.

Equipping Experience 102: Christianity for Beginners... an intentional study for those who are new Christ-followers or Christ-followers who need to get refocused on their faith.

Equipping Experience 103: Emotionally Healthy Christ-followers... a study on the relationship pillars for effective life and ministry.

Equipping Experience 104: Read Through the Bible... a guided tour through the Bible in a year. Bible project videos will be used to help attendees navigate through and increase their knowledge of biblical backgrounds. Biblical literacy and completion of the entire Bible is the desired outcome.

A DISCIPLE GROWS: Connecting to a Growth Group...The body of Christ is all about relationships, namely, with Jesus Christ and with one another. These relationships are enriched at First Baptist Kingsburg through children's classes (*infant-5th grade, 6-12th grades*) and Adult (*college and above*) Growth Groups. These groups are an integral part of the church's DNA. Growth Groups are open in various forms and venues throughout the week and on weekends. The core components for each Growth Group are *Scripture, Prayer, Care, Fellowship, and Outreach*.

First Baptist Growth Groups exist in three main types: (1) *Ministry Growth Groups*, which primarily meet at the church during the week; (2) *Community Growth Groups*, which meet mainly in neighborhood homes throughout the week; and (3) *Sunday Morning Growth Groups* that meet in the Youth Room and Administrative Building.

Equipping Experience 200: Growth Group Connections Class provides orientation and understanding of the philosophy and principles of a growth group. Connecting with a growth group and learning about the facets of this ministry are covered.

Equipping Experience 201: Discipleship for Life small groups are designed for Christ-followers who want to grow deeper in their relationship to Christ and one another through spiritual formation, theological inquiry and practical ministry skills. Those who complete these classes are linked to mentors who invest in them personally and through ministry observation.

Equipping Experience 202: Grasping God's Word... a study of the inductive Bible Study technique and discovering ways to communicate God's word with relevance.

Equipping Experience 203: Systematic Theology... a study of basic Christian doctrine, including the fundamentals of the faith.

A DISCIPLE SERVES: **Serving the church, community and world through the discovery, development and deployment of spiritual gifts...** Spiritual gifts are special abilities that the Holy Spirit gives believers to accomplish the work of the ministry. Often these gifts become apparent as we get involved in serving.

Equipping Experience 300: Getting Involved For The Savior... here we explore and examine our spiritual passions and identify our spiritual gifts for service. We also seek to connect you to an area of ministry in which your spiritual gift(s) can be utilized and you can leave a *legacy of service*.

Equipping Experience 301: Learning to Lead... a learning experience equipping Christ-followers to lead spiritually, relationally, managerially and organizationally. Sessions are interactive and include on-site ministry experiences.

Equipping Experience 302: Friends of God... a relational study with Jesus focus.

Equipping Experience 303: Old Testament Survey... an overview of the major themes, divisions and books of the Old Testament.

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A DISCIPLE GOES: **Sharing the Gospel...** Evangelism means “*sharing the good news*.” God has given us the gift of knowing Christ; we have the responsibility to give the gift away by sharing Him with others, especially our neighbors. At First Baptist Church evangelism is informal and relationship-driven. It is not a program, but a life-style.

Equipping Experience 400: Evangelism: It’s all about relationships... an introduction to sharing the gospel in non-threatening ways to neighbors and friends. Here you will learn how to make a simple gospel presentation to honest seekers and memorize scripture to help you communicate the truth of the Gospel.

Equipping Experience 401: Christianity versus World Religious Systems... a study on the differences between Christianity and false religious systems such as Buddhism, Islam, Atheism, Scientology and other New Age religious systems.

Equipping Experience 402: Christianity and Competing World Views... a class helping students develop a Christian World-View and defend it in the marketplace. Attendees will discover competing world views and be able to distinguish the uniqueness of Christianity which answers the ideas and stories of world views contrary to Christian beliefs and values.

Equipping Experience 403: Preparation for Short-Term Mission Encounters... an orientation to cross-cultural ministry with specific emphases on heart preparation and strategic focus to reach a particular group of people.

Outcome: **DISCIPLE-MAKING**...As we invest in each of these steps, we will be life-long learning communities who live to make disciples that make disciples until Jesus comes. Multiplication that is intentional and purposeful is our passion. Our ultimate goal is to reproduce an excellent love for Christ and His Truth in *next generation leaders* who will impact our world locally, regionally and globally!

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