



# FROM CONVERSION TO CHURCH



REDEEMER BIBLE CHURCH

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

**- Matthew 28:18-20**

Making disciples is the process of multiplying and maturing followers of Christ. Our desire is to help people take steps from no faith to new faith to mature faith and everything in between.

#### **A) Faith in Christ**

This is the first step in the process of leading someone to Christ (see resource on how to share the Gospel). A spoken confession is a wonderful sign of faith in Christ. If no confession is given, or no follow-up on your Gospel conversation happens, do not be discouraged. Keep pursuing that person and continue to love him/her well! Be confident that the Lord will continue working in the heart of the individual even though you may not personally see the seed come to fruition. If the person does put faith in Jesus and repent of his/her sin, praise the Lord alongside them.

We do not want this step to solely be an emotional response but a spiritual one. This is why it is important that you do life with the individual and teach him/her to observe all that the Lord has commanded!

#### **B) Teaching Him/Her to Observe**

This is discipleship of a new believer. The Holy Spirit will work in the heart of every believer. This is the sanctification process, so do not put all the weight on your shoulders.

Be consistent in your prayer time as that is one of the best tools we have to fight for our brothers and sisters in Christ. As seen in the Great Commission, you have a privilege to teach the individual how to observe all that the Lord has commanded him/her to do. This is best done by walking him/her through Scripture. This is a roadmap to maturity in Christ. Accountability is very important at this stage, as well.

One helpful resource is "The Call to Follow Christ!" This is a guide through some impactful Scriptures. It summarizes the essentials to begin walking with Christ. This list includes abiding in Christ, living in the Word, praying in faith, fellowship with believers, witnessing to the world, and ministering to others.

You should be able to see evident fruit in his/her life. If you are able to see fruit in the life of the new believer, move on to the next step with him/her.

#### **C) Baptism**

This step and the teaching step can coexist. In some cases it might be best to observe the new follower of Christ to see if there is a willingness to change before the individual is baptized.

You would observe this by meeting with him/her and teaching them to observe what Jesus commanded. If there is still no desire to change, then you should not proceed to baptize the individual. Instead, continue to reiterate the Gospel message and pray that the Lord would bring a change of heart. In other cases you might be able to see the fruit of the Gospel immediately. There might be a profound understanding of the Gospel and a Christ-like joy emanating from him/her. If you would like to baptize the new believer on your own, you should do it! If you would like for Redeemer to do it they would be more than willing to take the individual through the baptism process. When taking the individual through the baptism process, knowledge of the meaning and importance of baptism should be taught to them (see baptism guide resource). If you want more information on how to baptize personally, you can reach out to us via email at [info@redeemberbible.church](mailto:info@redeemberbible.church).

**D) Plugging them into Discipleship Groups (can be synonymous with uniting the church body).**

Invite the individual to your Discipleship Group time! This is a great way for a new believer to gather with a community of Christ-followers. This should be the best opportunity to corporately disciple the individual. Not all of the weight should fall on your shoulders. Your group is a team that should work together to disciple the new believer.

**E) Uniting them with the Church body (can be synonymous with Discipleship Groups).**

Uniting the individual with the whole Church body is important. Uniting the individual with the body of Christ includes inviting them to Sunday gatherings and any other church-related activities. Steps 1 and 2 are great ways to help the individual learn about Redeemer. This step also includes getting them involved with Serve Teams. As much as we would love for a new believer to call Redeemer his/her church home, we know that our church is not for everyone. If the individual desires to go somewhere else, continue to help them find a local church. I would encourage you to not stop personal discipleship until you know that person is being discipled by another trusted individual.

YOU ARE LOVED.  
YOU ARE SENT.

