

HUGHES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

STRATEGIC DISCIPLESHIP PLAN



Rebuilding

Renewing

Restoring



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 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES
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Hughes' Working Definition of Discipleship

Disciples are those who follow Jesus on a journey whereby they are led by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith and make other disciples.

Scriptural Reference: Matthew 28:18-20

18. Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Goal of the Discipleship Strategic Plan

The goal of the discipleship strategic plan is to enable members of our faith community to discern where they are on the spiritual journey and to provide tools to help them grown in discipleship.

Areas of Discipleship Growth



P

PRAYER



S

SCRIPTURE



F

FASTING



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SERVICE

FINANCIAL
STEWARDSHIP



F

CORPORATE
WORSHIP



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WITNESS



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Stages of Discipleship Growth

Something is missing in your life. You are looking for meaning and fulfillment but you do not know how to find it. You have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

1. Searching

You are trying to discern God's presence in your life. You are not yet committed to Christ though you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

2. Exploring

You are growing in faith. You still have doubts but your relationship with God and other disciples is developing as you follow Christ.

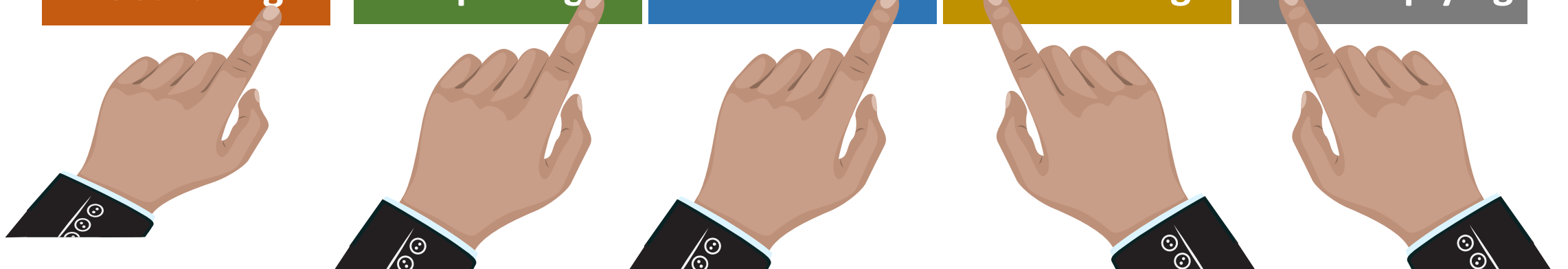
3. Following

You are making a big shift from being self-centered to being more others-centered. You are integrating your faith in Jesus into your daily life and are becoming intentional about following Christ.

4. Growing

You are Christ-centered. You have fully integrated your faith in Jesus into your daily life. You are able to develop relationships with those who are searching and help them grow in discipleship.

5. Multiplying



1. Prayer

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in **prayer**, believe that you have received it, and it will

Searching	Exploring	Following	Growing	Multiplying
I pray very infrequently if at all. Maybe when I am in trouble.	I pray daily. I know the Lord's Prayer. My prayers tend to be formal.	I have a time set aside for daily prayer. I understand the significance of prayer. My prayers are becoming more conversational.	I lead prayers in small groups. I pray for others during my daily prayers. I know and use different types of prayers.	I pray and share with others the importance of prayer and encourage them to pray. I incorporate Scripture in my prayers.



2. Scripture

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path." Psalm
119:105

Searching	Exploring	Following	Growing	Multiplying
I read Scripture very infrequently if at all.	I read a daily devotional like the Upper Room but I rarely read the Bible.	I have a time set aside for daily Scripture reading. I am beginning to read the Bible for knowledge and understanding. I participate in a Bible study class.	I read Scripture daily and often use Biblical tools to understand the Scriptures. I share what I have learned from the Scriptures with others. I reflect upon the Scriptures as I seek transformation.	I read Scripture daily and share the importance of Scripture with others as I encourage them to read Scripture. I meditate on Scripture.



3. Fasting

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Isaiah 58:6

Seven Ways of Fasting

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	I do not fast.	I fast very infrequently, if at all.	I fast occasionally, for example during Lent and/or Advent.	I fast regularly.	I fast and share with others the importance of fasting and encourage them to fast.



4. Service

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. I

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	I serve but my service is not integral to my faith.	I serve because I want a sense of self-fulfillment.	I have discerned by spiritual gifts and I serve out of my giftedness.	I share what I have learned through serving with others. I serve to please Christ.	I serve and share with others the importance of serving as I encourage them to service. I relate service to its Biblical foundations.



5. Financial Stewardship

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. **Deuteronomy 8:18**

Why we give

	Searching	Exploring	Following	Growing	Multiplying
	I do not give financially .	I occasionally give.	I regularly give, e.g. (2%, 5%, 10%, etc.).	I give tithes (10%) and offerings.	I give sacrificially (10% +). I share with others the importance of tithing and encourage them to tithe.



6. Corporate Worship

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24, 25, NRSV.

Total Praise

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	I might come to worship particularly if I am invited by a friend, relative, associate, neighbor or so co-worker.	I occasionally worship if I am being encouraged to come by a friend.	I regularly attend worship at least once a month. .	I attend worship about 75% of the time.	I attend worship about 85% of the time. I share with others the importance of worship and encourage them to worship.

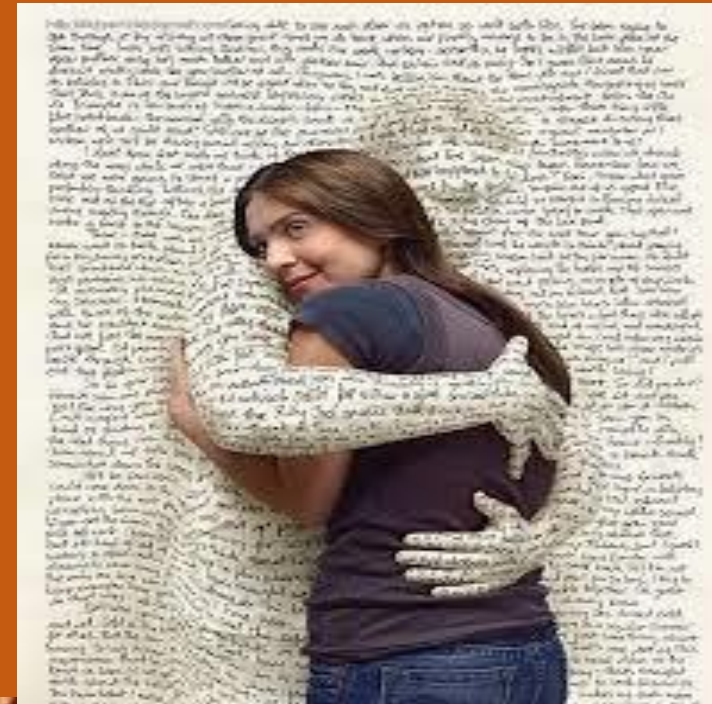


7. Witness

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. 2 Corinthians 4:5,

NRSV

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	I do not witness to others.	Sometimes I am a passionate witness, but I am not yet grounded.	I witness to others at least occasionally.	I intentionally look for opportunities to witness.	I share with others the significance of witnessing and I encourage them to witness. I am a bold witness who passionately shares the gospel of Christ.

Feedback (optional)



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