

It has been encouraging to hear the reports back of how discipleship is happening in our churches and communities. We are seeing more opportunities for sharing testimonies, preaching and teaching, and challenging people to take their next step with Jesus! So many exciting stories have been birthed from just asking a follower of Jesus, "So what are you going to do about what Jesus is telling you?" There are exciting stories happening all over our region!

One such story is at the Barkeyville Truck Stop Ministry! It is a collaborative, multi-denominational and non-denominational work that is seeing souls saved, lives healed, and hope that only Jesus can provide shared. It is a wonderful place to allow seasoned disciples mentor disciples as they provide spiritual care to over the road and long haul truckers.

We are seeing a growing Missional Initiative movement among our churches as they are becoming less inwardly focused and more community active. The past year we have seen from Markleysburg Union putting quarters in washing machines and dryers, Kingwood hosting a HUGE Easter event, Indian Head doing a massive parking lot back to school event, McMechen hosting a Dinner Church, Grove Manor Corporation hosting community fun days with community and residents, multiple churches hosting community clothing sharing, to Mt Pleasant's massive Christmas Event featuring fair trade vendors. God is moving in big ways! These are perfect opportunities to forge disciples while we meet needs locally and globally! I cannot express enough that discipleship happens when disciples get real life on life opportunities.

Dean Hay, our Administrative and Communications Assistant, has been maintaining our online presence, expanded Missional Resources Online (You should go to the webpage and explore it!), and created some online resources for the Pastoral Ministry Commission to allow accurate and shared online documentation for those in the credentialing education process to monitor their progress. The project list for his talents and skills just keeps growing. He is an immeasurable asset to the region.

The Grove Manor Board continues the mission and to speak into the lives of the residents and employees. It. Our chaplains have story after story of leading people to Jesus in our homes and through this ministry. Pray for the mission as it continues to be a challenging time and innovation is the key to continued mission fulfillment.

The ARC Foundation is always seeking those next partnership opportunities. Do not hesitate to talk to Scott Porterfield about any opportunity or questions you might have in seeking a grant distribution.

Camp Sunrise Mountain is growing! Volunteers are always needed and Pastors in particular to provide discipleship in our weeks of camp..

The Pastoral Ministry Commission continues their partnership with WTS to offer funding for those who are seeking a credential in the ARC at very attractive and affordable rates. They have renewed their partnership with the Western and MidWest Regions to provide classes that fulfill credentialing requirements and provide training courses open to anybody. They have a large number of students under their care currently who are exploring and confirming their calls. Exciting stories are coming from this commission as they work with these pastors!

The Church Ministry Commission, working with the CGGC, is in a reboot mode. I am expecting news as the commission will take on a collaborative role with all the regions.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent the ARC with WTS, the University of Findlay, and now the DMin Cohort from the region, a group of four of us working together in this

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experiential learning opportunity. If you are interested in joining a WTS DMin cohort, I would love to talk to you about it.

It is a deep honor to serve you. You are foremost in my prayers and thoughts. I cannot wait to see what God is doing next. "O Lord, I give my life to you." Psalm 25.1 NLT.

Keep Shining!

Serving A Risen Savior Together,
Phil Scott

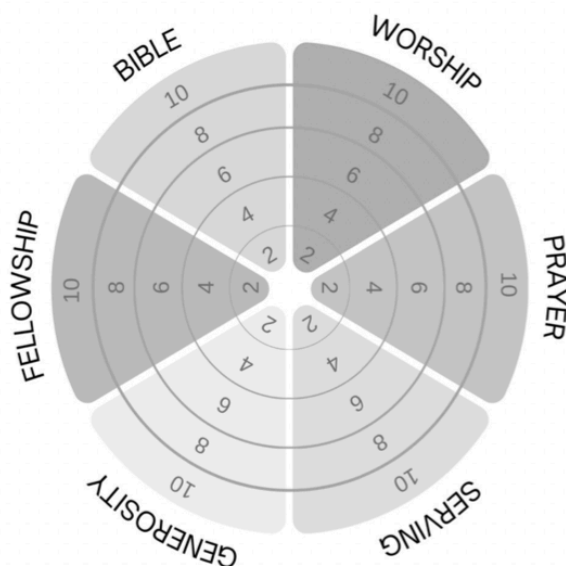
Discipleship

Definition: A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being transformed by Jesus, and on the mission of Jesus.

Eight Characteristics of a Disciple. A disciple of Jesus is someone who...

Loves God with all their heart	Mt 27.37; Ph 3.8
Loves other believers and contributes to their growth	Jn 13.34-35; He 10:24-25
Loves and is obedient to scripture	Jn 8.31-32; 2 Ti 3.16-17
Loves Jesus and surrendering to His Lordship	Lk 9.23; Ga 2.20
Loves to share the goodness of Jesus with others	Mt 4.19; Ro 1.16
Loves growing their faith in prayer	Lk 11.1; Ph 4.6-7
Loves to obey and follow Jesus in the routine of life	Jn 14.21; Lk 6.46
Loves to serve others through time, talent and treasure	Mt 25.37-40; Acts 20.35

Discipleship Wheel (shared from Latrobe COG)



Bible	Spending time daily reading and studying Scripture and obeying His Word.
Worship	Spending time with God in corporate and private praise & worship
Prayer	Spending time with God in corporate and private prayer
Serving	Using the gifts and talents God has given you to help others and build His Kingdom
Generosity	Giving financial resources to Kingdom causes to reach broken and hurting people.
Fellowship	Engaging with other believers sharing life and faith