



STEPHEN GRAY MINISTRIES

Building the Kingdom of God through Discipleship

School of Discipleship Curriculum

THE
DISCIPLE'S
JOURNEY
SERIES

Fuel for the Discipleship Life

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Creating an Environment for Spiritual Growth is the key to having a discipling church. Consider that we don't actually make disciples God does. We learn to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in this process. So the more led by the Holy Spirit you are the more effective your efforts. Jesus said, in Matthew 28:20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." So there is teaching and training in discipleship but it must always be done with the Spirit directing it. That means if God changes the message today then we change. So all our curriculum is a guideline and we urge all those making disciples to be led by the Spirit. The three steps in making disciples are: 1. Demonstrating Christ 2. Developing a meaningful relationship 3. Answering their why questions 4. Speaking into their life only when directed by the Holy Spirit, this only happens on rare occasions. Discipleship is a passive relationship where you mainly demonstrate Christ. Allow God to use you to demonstrate how to follow Him.

Jesus commanded us to teach them so we do have a school with the purpose of teaching and training skills in devotional life, bible study, renewing the mind, spiritual disciplines and faith building. We want disciples to understand how and why they grow. We also have each person in a small group with a trained facilitator who knows how to be led by the Spirit. Small groups are where we track their spiritual growth process and hold them accountable to continue to grow. Small groups are harder than one-on-one discipleship, which is the best relationship for discipling. However, there is a place for small groups.

Intro: How do we grow Spiritually?

Consider what a plant needs to grow, Light, Water, Nutrients, Humidity, Temperature. God showed me the same is true for spiritual growth. There are five areas of spiritual growth for believers.

Creating an Environment for Spiritual Growth

1. **Light** is a symbol of the Holy Spirit
2. **Water** is a symbol of the word
3. **Nutrients** are a symbol of renewing the mind
4. **Humidity** is a symbol of spiritual environment
5. **Temperature** is a symbol for faith

Our Curriculum

- I. The Holy Spirit
 - A. Text book: The Work and Person of the Holy Spirit by R.A. Torrey
 - B. Baptism of the Holy Spirit by Stephen Gray
 - C. Discipling by the Holy Spirit – by Stephen Gray
 - D. We have dvd's on this course

- II. The Word of God
 - A. Text book: Living by the Book by Howard Hendricks
 - B. Workbook – Living by the Book by Howard Hendricks
 - C. We have dvd's on this course

- III. Renewing the Mind
 - A. Text book: Romans: Lessons in renewing the mind by Eric Elder
 - B. We have lesson outlines only on this course
 - C. I have 4-set album of teaching tapes on this subject

- IV. Creating Spiritual Environments
 - A. Text book: The Spirit of Disciplines by Dallas Willard
 - B. Glory series – set of 4 tapes
 - C. Lesson Outlines only on this series

- V. Faith
 - A. Text book: Bible chapters Hebrews 11 and James 1
 - B. Text book: The Unshakable Truth by Josh McDowell
 - C. Lesson outlines by Stephen Gray