

A group of people, including men and women, are seated around a dark table in what appears to be a cafe or study area. They are focused on reading books and writing in notebooks. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from windows in the background. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet study and reflection.

How are believers equipped to grow at CASM?

Discipleship

What is discipleship?

The essence of discipleship is teaching and training believers to think, act, talk, and look like Jesus.
(Matt.10:24, 40-42; Luke 14:25-35; 9:23-26, 57-62)

Discipleship is that development process of the local church that progressively guides Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity so that they are then able to make disciples of others.
(Matt.28:18-20; 2 Tim.2:2)

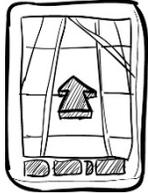


Discipleship isn't a program or an event; it's a way of life. It is not for a limited time, but for our whole lives. Discipleship is God's primary way of transforming people by His Spirit through the Gospel of Christ from the inside out. It describes the process following Jesus.

The plan to accomplish the goal starts at the front door of membership. In our Membership Class, we will explain the expectation and opportunities of discipleship to every new member.

How do we disciple others?

4 ways



Bible Study

Our Sunday morning studies will continue to address issues that call believers to an “all out” commitment to Christ.

Men’s groups

Coming in the fall of 2014, these small groups will address men’s issues, such as priorities, finances, marriage, integrity, and work.

Home Fellowships

A new tweak will be added that will shift our current times of teaching and discussion to more of an equipping and discipling time.

Women’s groups

Our Women’s groups address issues related to women, such as relationships, time management, balance, contentment, and family.

6 Truths About Authentic Discipleship

Here are six things that are true about biblical discipleship:



1. Jesus commanded us to *make* disciples, not *be* disciples. The way many Christians talk, you'd think Jesus told us to *be* disciples. He commanded us to make disciples.

2. Discipleship is simply linked to *evangelism*. You can't be a disciple without being an evangelist. And for sure, the opposite is true. You can't be an evangelist without being a disciple. But somehow many people would rather be disciples without being evangelists.

3. A mark of an authentic disciple includes getting it wrong *sometimes*. After all, Peter didn't get it right most of the time when he was around Jesus.

4. A morally messy church is...*inevitable*. The fact that you have these problems may actually be a sign that you're making progress with the unchurched. You don't want to leave them there, but when people really start engaging with Christ, tidy categories are hard to come by.

5. Maturity takes *time* and is not *linear*. It would be great if there was instant maturity in faith and in life. But it never works that way.

6. Love *compels* us. If you love the world, how can you ignore it? Jesus said the authentic mark of His followers is love (*John 13:34-35*).