



Welcome! You are embarking on an adventure that is guaranteed to change lives. As I have talked with a number of Christians, we have discussed what helped them most in their Christian lives. A common item found in nearly everyone's list was the influence of another Christian that cared for and took time with them to disciple them. Sometimes this was a parent, and sometimes it was another believer in the church who took the time to care. What is significant is that it was often not the pastor! It was the members of the body equipped for service discipling one another! Some may be scared off at the idea of discipleship groups because they don't feel they have the skills. This handbook has a number of suggestions for discipleship relationships to help allay those fears and equip the body for discipleship. Our goal is to enable and encourage you to minister and to change lives!

Called To Disciple

Discipleship is more than a buzzword or a passing fad in the church. It is God's plan for the growth of His church. It's not a program, but rather part of the church's DNA. As such, it should infiltrate all we do and be an overarching theme built into our lives. Four basic principles start us on the road of the call to disciple.

1. Our mandate is to accomplish God's mission: *To Make Disciples*. (Matt 28:18-19, 2 Tim 2:1-2)

*Matt 28:19-20 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, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

2. Every believer is a disciple!

It can be easy to fall into the trap of thinking of disciples as "super Christians." However, the early church was clear that all believers were called disciples. (Acts 6:2) We affirm that all believers are followers of Christ and are to be imitating Christ and growing through discipleship.

3. Every disciple is to reproduce – disciple others.

2 Tim 2:1-2 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

As we see in Matt 28:19-20 and 2 Tim 2:1-2, reproducing is an essential part of discipleship. Jesus commands, "Go therefore and make disciples." Paul instructs Timothy to teach faithful men who will then teach others. Our discipleship process must include the expectation that those we disciple will do the same thing for others.

4. Discipling is always in the context of relationship .

Biblical discipleship was based on a strong personal relationship between disciple and teacher in which the disciple could imitate the teacher as they lived life together. Things haven't changed! The method Jesus used to disciple the twelve is still our model for today.

What is a disciple, discipleship, and discipling?

We want to start by defining what we mean by some key words used in our call to discipleship. The biblical words used for discipleship mean to follow, adhere to, and imitate/copy a teacher and his life. Thus, a discipler shows what it means to live in Christ and the disciples watch and imitate them. It is much like playing follow the leader when we were children! If you missed the Reproduce sermon series, we encourage you to go online and listen to the series where we explore these in detail.

- **Disciple:** one who has come to Jesus for eternal life, has claimed Him as Savior and God, and has embarked upon the life and relationship of following Him.: A **believer** !
- **Discipleship:** The lifelong process of **growing** as a disciple.
- **Discipling** (Disciple making): An **intentional** relationship to walk life with another so that you can encourage, equip, and challenge each other with loving accountability to follow Christ and disciple others. (Matt 28:18-19, 1 Cor 4:16-17)



Seven Results When the Church Body Disciplines

1. **Expanded** Reproduction/Multiplication of disciples beyond what a few could do.
2. Raises up **leaders** and teachers as people minister.
3. Allows more to experience the **enabling** power of Christ as they disciple and rely on Him.
4. Pastoral **care** of the body by the body. More people get cared for!
5. Helps us not **lose** the wisdom from those who have gone before, reaffirming their significance in the church. The older/younger factor we see in Titus 2 is essential and is why a multi-generational church is essential to discipleship.
6. Deepens **commitment** to Christ in all involved – spiritual maturity.
7. God is **glorified** !

Five Marks of a True Disciple:

To disciple well, we must have a picture of what a disciple looks like so that we know where to head. If we aim at nothing, we are sure to hit it. The marks of a disciple both give a standard to live up to as well as areas to develop in those we meet with. While there are many things descriptions we could use to describe a disciple of Christ, John 15:5-17 gives a wonderful picture of a disciple summarized in five different marks. Each is followed with some practical ways to apply it.

1. **Spiritual Growth: Abides** in Christ and His Word (John 8:31-32; 15:5-7)
 - Is a student of God's Word – love it! Live it!
 - Has an active devotional life.
 - Lives in obedience to Word / Free from bondage of sin.
 - Trusts God.
 - Practices spiritual disciplines. (Memorizing, meditating, prayer, tithing, etc.)
2. **Community: Loves** others as Christ loves (John 13:34-35; 15:12-14, 17)
 - Regularly attends church.
 - Acts in a loving way towards others.
 - Meets needs of others.
 - Intentionally welcomes others into the family.
3. **Ministry / Outreach: Bears** fruit (John 15:8-9, 16)
 - Exhibits fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22-23).
 - Makes disciples and has a heart for the lost.
 - Serves in the church.
4. **Glory: Glorifies** the Master above all else (John 15:8)
 - Worships.
 - Commits to abandon self.
5. **Joy: Lives** a life characterized by God's joy (John 15:11)
 - Has peace that God is handling all circumstances.

Essential Ingredients to effective discipleship relationships:

What should be part of a discipling relationship? Some may say we should just get together and talk sports. Others may want to just pray for each other and nothing else. The ingredients of a discipleship relationship however, should directly encourage the marks of a disciple. Just like you would not leave out several ingredients when baking a cake, we should not leave out ingredients in the discipling relationship. For each of these, consider how you might incorporate them into your discipleship time. Our desire is not to script each meeting or exactly what you should do, but give tools and ingredients that you can then put together.

1. **The Word:** The study, memorization and application of God's Word.

Be intentional to spend time in your agreed upon Bible study. Times of sharing can easily fill the whole time, but an essential ingredient is the study of the Word. Work to keep this time an opportunity for all to participate rather than any one dominating. This aspect may take about 30 minutes of your time. If you are reading a book together, it is helpful to go through a chapter a week. Each person should read the chapter before you meet.

During your time then, you can go through the study questions or give time for each person to share what God taught them in this chapter. Each resource should use the Word of God as the foundation for its teaching.



Scripture memorization is a spiritual discipline that we recommend be part of your discipleship groups. This is an effective way to remember God's Word, meditate on it, and allow it to confront sin in our lives. Try selecting one verse each week as a group and then have each person review the verse the next week. Some of the resources have a suggested memory verse, or you can select one from the study. Try this and see how God uses it!

2. **Accountability:** Real mutual accountability leading to obedience.

Each time you meet, be willing to ask real, tough questions regarding the spiritual life of the others in the group. Discipleship challenges us to grow. Iron sharpens iron, not just sits next to iron. Lovingly hold each other to your spiritual commitments and a life of holiness. When thinking of spiritual discipline goals, help your accountability partners be realistic. A goal of reading the Bible for 2 hours each day will probably not be possible, but a shorter time period will be. Some ideas for accountability items are . . .

- Bible Reading/Quiet time.
- Daily prayer times or prayer for each other.
- Being involved in ministry at church.
- Praying for individuals looking for opportunities to share the gospel with them.
- Church attendance.
- Any weakness that the person has asked for prayer or help with.
- Verse memorization.

3. **Prayer:** Serious prayer for each other.

Include a time of prayer requests and prayer for each other in every meeting. Find a way for all to remember the requests and pray for each other throughout the week. God has instructed us to come to Him in prayer. Let's obey Him!

4. **Relationship:** Personal transparent relationships that show care.

Part of your time should be devoted to finding out how people are doing and caring for them. Usually I would start the time with asking how everyone is doing. You may hear about work, home,

or just about anything. These discussions are important to building relationships. Remember to live life together. Find out things like birthdays, anniversaries, kids events, etc.

Effective groups do things together as well! Plan some sort of fun activity together at least once every couple months. This might be a meal, game night, sports event, or something else everyone enjoys. If your schedules are swamped, use your discipleship time once every couple of months to accomplish this. Building relationships in this way will add much to your discipleship.

5. **Ministry / Service:** Actions that put others first by encouraging service or serving together. Make sure to talk about where each one is serving or where they would like to serve. If they are not in ministry somewhere, encourage them to take the initiative and ask for some ideas of ministry involvement. Just like described above, an important part of discipleship is to take some time to minister together. You are discipling if you occasionally take some time when you would meet together to go minister to someone. Make this a regular part of your group!
6. **Reproduction:** Discipleship always has a goal of reproducing more disciples. One of the goals for discipleship relationships is to teach others to do the same thing with others! As we do this, the body of Christ is able to equip and train far more than just the elders can. From the initial commitment to the various discussions you have, often bring up the idea of discipling others. Then about half way through your discipleship time frame (maybe 4 to 6 months in), ask each person to start to pray for who they will disciple. One month before the end of your group, have each member invite the people God has put on their hearts to their own group. This will allow you to disciple them through the initial process of starting discipling relationships.
7. **Commitment:** Count the cost for the glory of God and His mission. The expectations of a discipling relationship should be discussed from the beginning of the group using the discipleship covenant below. Then hold each other accountable to those expectations. Without commitment, the groups quickly lose focus and eventually disband.
8. **Enjoyment!** Effective relationships exhibit God's joy. Keep things flexible enough to truly enjoy each other's company. If you find that meeting is becoming a chore and the enjoyment is waning, examine whether you are doing enough to build relationship. As we mention above, go do something random together! Finally, laugh . . . a lot!



Choosing Discipling Relationships

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt 4:19)

First and foremost, we want the forming of discipling relationships to be directed by the Holy Spirit. We have chosen not to have signups and create the groups as a church program. Rather, we believe that as each believer prays and seeks God's guidance, the Holy Spirit will direct you to those He would have you be in discipling relationships with. If you are seeking to disciple others, we encourage you to begin your investment in them by initiating the relationship. This three step process is outlined below. If you want to be disciplined and are not sure where to begin, we would love to help facilitate that relationship. Contact any of the elders, Pastor Andrew, or Pastor Ron and we will help you find a discipleship relationship that will help you grow!



1. **Pray** – As Jesus retreated alone to pray before making the decision to call His disciples, so we should commit **serious** time in prayer asking for God's direction regarding this vital relationship.
2. **Decide** – Choose one or two people of the same gender to invest discipling time into. While a discipleship relationship can be just two people, we highly recommend groups of three. This allows a multiplication of insights, accountability, investment and involvement. It also helps make the meetings more comfortable as any one person does not have to carry the conversation. You might choose one person you know and one person you do not know well. We encourage you to choose people that are able to see your life. It is great to start with people already in your ministry or that you already have natural relationships with. Then include them in your ministry times or normal times of life. Discipling is living life together! As you choose, consider the principle of mutuality as well. While discipling relationships are often the older teaching the younger, they can also be between three peers that are seeking to disciple each other. Allow God to put people on your heart! Finally, follow Paul's instruction in 2 Tim. 2:2 where he says, "entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Choose men and women who will seek God and have an open heart to His leading.
3. **Ask** – After prayerfully choosing discipleship partners, go to them and **initiate** a conversation asking if they are interested in forming a discipleship group. You make a powerful statement by going to someone and communicating that you would like to invest in their spiritual lives. This isn't always comfortable, but God's mission is far more important than our comfort. In this conversation, be sure to explain that a discipleship group is a mutual commitment by all involved. Don't sucker them in with the promise of ease and just getting together, and then pounce on them with a heavy workload of homework and accountability. Be up front and watch people rise to the occasion!

Getting Started:

Once you have your discipleship group set, it is time to get started! There are a few things you should decide as a group.

- **Time Frame** – How long are you committing to meet together for? While discipling relationships are relationships that never really end, this decision is referring to the formal length of time you are committing to. This may depend on the material you choose. We recommend periods of 9 months to a year as you need enough time to get to know each other and build into each other's lives. At the end of the time, the decision can be re-visited. Remember, one of the goals is to reproduce!
- **Frequency** – How often are you able to meet and for how long? Groups should meet either weekly or every two weeks. If meetings are any further apart, it becomes very difficult to have accountability and effectiveness in each other's lives. The biblical model of discipleship includes seeing each other's lives and modeling. It is hard to do that without regular contact.
- **Choose Material** – What material do we want to go through to be including the Word in our time? Rather than have one curriculum that every group goes through, we would rather each group choose material that will challenge them to apply scripture to their phase of life and walk with God. There is a list of resources at the end of this handbook that gives a number of recommended options. Feel free to ask any of the elders and pastors for input as well. As you use a resource, we would love feedback as to how it is working and ideas for other leaders when they use it. Please let Pastor Andrew (andrew@villagebible.com) or Pastor Ron (ron@villagebible.com) know.
- **Covenant** – What are the expectations of the group? Below is a sample covenant outlining what is expected from those in discipleship groups. This should not be used to bludgeon people into submission, but is a great opportunity to discuss what expectations are essential for discipleship to work well. This might be a good document to cover your first time meeting together.

What should a meeting look like?

A discipleship meeting can be flexible and include the elements of discipleship in a variety of formats. You could meet in your home, office, a restaurant, or anywhere else that will allow you private, uninterrupted conversation. Below is a sample meeting and is a model (not a script!) that you can adjust for your needs.

- (20 to 25 minutes) Start with a time of sharing. Go around and ask each person how their last week has been. This is a great time to address any specific things that this person has asked for prayer on. For instance, you may ask, "So how did the situation at work go?" Be direct! You may need to help them share by asking questions like, "What has gone well this week?" or "Where have you struggled this week?" Ask how they are doing in their spiritual walk. Asking good questions leads to great sharing. Another great question is "What has God taught you this week?"
- (5 to 10 minutes) Memory review. Have each one quote last week's verse
- (30 to 40 minutes) Spend time discussing the agreed upon study. Be sure to focus on the scripture in the study. Decide on next week's memory verse.
- (10 to 15 minutes) A time of application and accountability. Go around and ask each person what they want to apply from the lesson.
- (15 minutes) Prayer – Ask for something that you can pray for from each person. Include requests regarding each one's spiritual walk here as well. Ask about and pray for their own discipleship opportunities here as well.
- (5 to 10 minutes) Review the following week's assignment and verify your next meeting. This is also a good time to plan any upcoming fellowship times or service opportunities.

Responsibilities of the Discipler

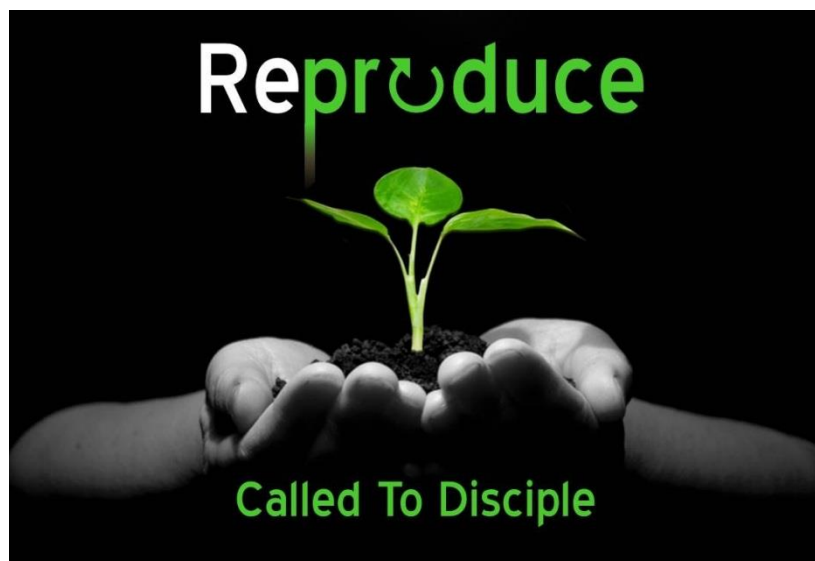
- ❖ **Commitment to care** – Discipleship is more than a program or a stamp in your bible. (1 Thes 1:5; 2:7-8)
- ❖ **Commitment to lead** – Instigate and take responsibility to make sure the group meets and focuses on discipleship. (2 Tim 2:2)
- ❖ **Commitment to model** - Model a growing walk with God in your life. (Deut 6:7, 1 Cor 4:16-17, 1 Cor 11:1)
 - Modeling includes a dependence on the Holy Spirit to provide growth while we follow our responsibility to plant and water. (1 Cor 3:6-7) This keeps us from getting big heads!
- ❖ **Commitment to mutuality** - Iron Sharpening Iron. (Prov 27:17)
 - Accountability is a two way street. Allow them to hold you accountable!
 - Accountability requires trust and confidentiality.
- ❖ **Commitment to humility** - Don't view yourself as superior (Luke 9:23)
 - Show grace! Just as a child cannot do everything an adult can do the first time, a new believer is just learning what it means to walk with God. Has God shown you grace? Show the same to others.

Responsibilities of the Disciple

- ❖ **Commitment to grow** (1 Cor 4:16-17, Rom 12:2)
 - Shown by a willingness to listen and follow the discipler with the goal of becoming Christ-like.
- ❖ **Commitment to priority** - Take the discipling relationship seriously and count the cost (Luke 14:26-28, 33)
 - Shown by being committed to meeting.
 - Shown by doing the homework.
- ❖ **Commitment to Ask** – Be willing to seek and ask about life in Christ. (Matt 7:7)
 - There are no silly questions.
- ❖ **Commitment to Transparency** (James 5:16)
 - Shown by being open and honest even about difficult things.

Discipleship Covenant

1. I will offer myself fully to the Lord with the anticipation that He will use the discipleship process for increased spiritual growth and transformation.
2. I will complete all assignments before our scheduled discipleship meeting in order to participate fully.
3. I agree and desire to be held accountable for my commitment to spiritual disciplines and obedience to Christ.
4. I will meet regularly with my discipleship partners for approximately 1 ½ hours to talk about assignments, hold each accountable, memorize God's Word, and pray for one another. I will make attendance to these meetings a priority.
5. I will continue to meet for the duration of the time frame agreed upon and not drop out.
6. I will contribute to a climate of honesty, trust, and personal vulnerability in a spirit of mutual sanctification and growth.
7. I will work to continue the discipleship process by committing myself to invest in at least two other people following the completion of our discipleship group.



FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

What if I know someone of the opposite gender that needs to be disciplined and can't seem to find someone? Should I disciple them?

If they are your spouse or your child, yes! In all other cases, no. Discipleship for those outside of your family always should be with the same gender. The biblical model is for the older women to teach the younger and the older men to teach the younger. This not only protects from temptation and the appearance of evil, but also is the best way to teach a man to be a godly man and a woman to be a godly woman. God knows the needs and can provide one to disciple them.

What if I am already discipling several people? Should I take on more groups?

In general, no. It does depend on your time however. If you are retired and have extra time, then you can take on additional groups, but for most, you want to only take on those that you have time to commit to without ignoring your family and other ministry responsibilities. It is great to give opportunities for others to disciple the people you are thinking about.

What if the material isn't working out?

Start by talking with one of the elders or pastors to see if there is anything you can do differently in your use of the material. If it is not a good fit though, CHANGE! You are not tied to one book.

When should I start?

As soon as you are able!

How do I get materials?

We have samples of most of the materials on the resource shelves of the conference room. Almost all the recommended resources are available at <http://www.christianbook.com/> or www.amazon.com. If you are unable to get them, we would be glad to order them for you. Contact Pastor Andrew at andrew@villagebible.com. Approximate prices are on the resource sheet.



Verse Memorization System

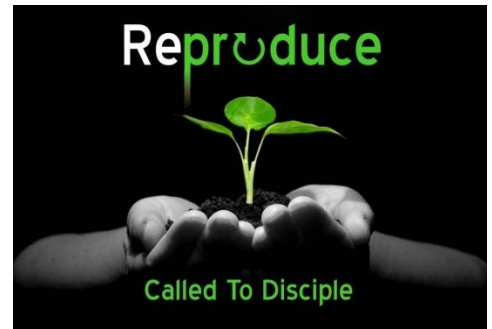
I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

How do you store God's Word in your heart? It's easy to memorize a verse for this week and then forget it by next week. This system, which is loosely based on the Navigator's system, will help you to remember all those verses you memorized with just a little time each day! What a benefit. 😊 **If you prefer an app, we strongly recommend "Bible Memory" as a great app that uses similar principles to help you memorize and remember God's Word.**

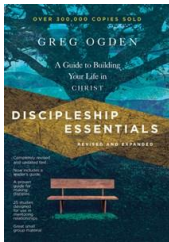
1. Get a packet of 3X5 cards and write each verse on a card. Put the reference on one side and the verse on the other. As you get verses to memorize on these sheets, at church, school, home, or anywhere else, add a card to your system. Also, as you are reading the Bible on your own, when you see a verse you like, write it on a card to memorize. Also, you may want to get a 3X5 card case to store them in.
2. Divide your verses up into 4 categories. You can get dividers for your 3X5 cards to help you if you want. Start with 10 verses in your daily review section. If you don't have 10 yet, just put however many you have in your daily section. After you have 10 in the daily section, put 21 different verses in the weekly section. Again, if you don't have 21 for this section, just put what you have. Then put 90 verses in your monthly section. If you have more verses left, put them in a back section called Review. You should end up with 4 sections as follows:

Daily	10 verses	Weekly 21 verses
Monthly	90 verses	Review all the rest.
3. Now you are ready to use your system. Start with however many verses you have and work up from there. Each day you will review 19 verses. This may sound like a lot, but once you know them, you can do this in **under 5 minutes**. Not bad for being able to remember the Bible! Each day, take the Daily 10 verses and review all of them. In fact, you may want to keep them by your bed or somewhere where you can review them even more. To review a verse, look at the reference on one side of the card and try to quote the verse from memory. If you cannot remember it, turn the card over and read it a couple of times. Then try again. After you review your 10 Daily verses, review the next 3 verses in your weekly section. Keep a marker where you left off the day before and review the next three in that section. You may find it easy to rotate the verses through so you always know which verses are next. Then review the next 3 verses in the Monthly section, and then the next 3 verses in the review section. This totals 19 verses. The next day you would do the same thing, but pick up the 3 verses *after* the ones you review today. This will gradually get you through all your verses.
4. Each week add 1 or 2 new verse cards to your system. The way you add a verse is to put it at the front of your Daily section. Then take the back card of your Daily section and put it at the front of your Weekly section. Take the back card from your Weekly section and put it at the front of your Monthly section. Take the back card from your Monthly section and put it at the front of your Review section. This will keep the correct number in each section.
5. Now just keep reviewing the verses every day. You will be amazed at how much of the Bible you will be able to remember. God will bless your faithfulness to Him!

Discipleship Resources



Discipleship Group Recommended Starting Point



Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden – This is a 25 lesson discipleship study on building your life in Christ. Each lesson includes key ingredients of discipleship in workbook form and is an easy way to begin discipling another. ~\$15

Introduction to walking with Christ – Perfect for new believers, older children, or a refresher to your walk

Design For Discipleship (DFD) – A seven workbook series by NavPress. ~\$6 each. Also available: Leader's Guide.

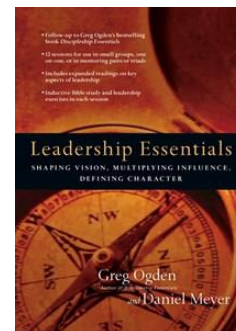
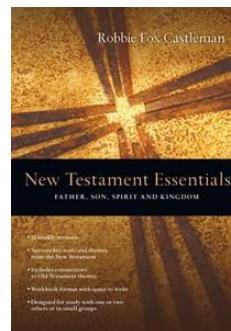
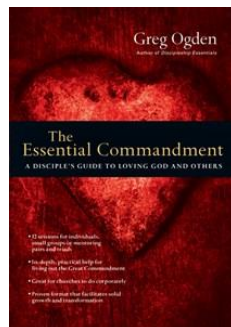
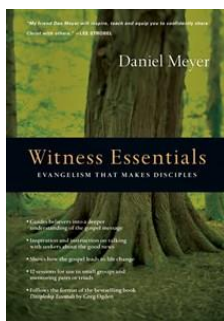
1. Your Life in Christ
2. The Spirit-Filled Follower of Jesus
3. Walking with Christ
4. The Character of a Follower of Jesus
5. Foundations for Faith
6. Growing in Discipleship
7. Our Hope in Christ

Maturing in our walk with Christ – Deeper study

The 2:7 series – Based on Colossians 2:7 (“rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving”), this series focuses on how to grow spiritually within the family of God. ~\$29 for all 3

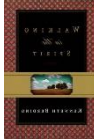
Essentials Series - Followup to *Discipleship Essentials*. These can be studied in any order and follow the same format as *Discipleship Essentials*. ~\$15

1. Witness Essentials
2. The Essential Commandment
3. New Testament Essentials
4. Leadership Essentials





Crazy Love by Francis Chan - A short book that challenges us with the important question of "Do we love Jesus most?" This will challenge how you think about a relationship with Christ! Study Guide is available. ~\$12



Walking in the Spirit by Ken Berding - If you want to live the life of abundance promised by Jesus, you must learn what it means to walk with the the Holy Spirit. This book explores the role of the Holy Spirit in our Christian walk. ~\$11

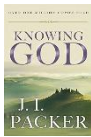
Book of the Bible studies



The LifeChange series from Navpress – These are life-changing book studies that walk the believer through a book of the Bible. Includes some commentary and discussion questions. ~\$7

Digging into doctrine

Christian Beliefs – A twenty chapter distillation of Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology*. This is a great way to get a broad overview of the doctrines of the Christian faith. ~\$10



Knowing God by J.I. Packer - This is a book that has helped so many understand and reverence God in new ways. This is a must for every believer! Study guide is also available. ~\$12

Books that help to dig deeper into specific topics

Trusting God w/discussion guide – A classic work on the comforting doctrine of the sovereignty of God by Jerry Bridges with a twelve lesson discussion guide. ~\$16 with study guide

The Treasure Principle w/Bible Study – A great little book about money and giving with an accompanying Bible Study based on the truth that you can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead. ~\$9 with study guide



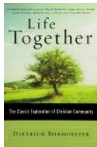
Shepherding a Child's Heart w/Parent's Handbook – A wonderful book with a handbook to guide you through the ins and outs of parenting according to the Bible. ~\$16 with handbook.



Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders – A classic training for what spiritual, servant leadership looks like in God's Word. There are helpful study questions in the back to aid discussion. This is perfect for those seeking to become better leaders in the church. ~\$10

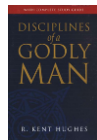


The Gospel At Work by Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert - A fantastic book that helps us see how work fits into the Kingdom of God in our lives. How do we use our work assignment for the true King? Each chapter is short, but powerful with very helpful discussion questions for each chapter. ~ \$13

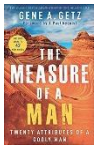


Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer - In his book *Life Together* we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer's experience within Christian community. This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words.

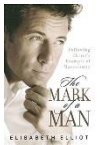
For men



Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes - Great book that describes the many different disciplines that contribute to the makeup of a godly man. Has discussion questions at the end of each chapter to help guide discipleship. ~\$10



The Measure of a Man by Gene Getz - This book goes through twenty characteristics of a godly man and is ideal for discussion and accountability between men. Each chapter concludes with some discussion questions and some video helps. ~\$10

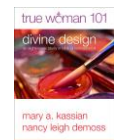


The Mark of a Man: Following Christ's Example of Masculinity by Elisabeth Elliot - Great book on what makes a godly man from a wife's perspective. The chapters are short, hard-hitting and convicting! ~\$13

For women

The 7 Hardest Things God Asks a Woman to Do by Kathie Reimer & Lisa Whittle – Covers the difficult yet fulfilling things God asks a woman to do. Great discussion for discipleship. ~\$5 (Kindle) \$13 (Print)

Disciplines of a Godly Woman by Barbara Hughes – Helpful book by Kent Hughes's wife describing disciplines that contribute to the makeup of a godly woman. ~\$10



True Woman 101: Divine Design - An eight-week study designed to take women on a journey of seeing what the Bible teaches about what it means to truly be a godly woman in a world that is very confused about what that looks like. Includes daily devotional work. ~\$13

For marriage



You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity by Francis and Lisa Chan - This book explores marriage as a tool for serving Christ and living for God. This change of perspective changes everything about marriage! A study guide is also available. ~\$12

For discipling children

Read With Me Bible: An Nlrv Story Bible for Children – This is a great resource to read with children daily. It has great pictures and the stories use the Nlrv text which is based on the NIV84 text making it readable for kids. ~\$11

For discipling elementary children to young adults



Big Truths for Young Hearts by Bruce Ware – This book talks through a number of theological truths in a way that is very understandable. Each section has questions to ask your children. This would be great for fathers to use to teach their families. ~\$10

Reproduce: Called to Disciple Handbook

Handbook providing ideas for discipling relationships at Village.