

DISCIPLER STANDARDS & COMMITMENT

WE AFFIRM THAT YOU...

- Demonstrate an **evident and growing relationship with Jesus**.
- Prove an **ever-growing knowledge of God's Word** valuable for shepherding a student.
- Display a **genuine heart and love for students** as a result of **experience** with them.
- Possess some form of **discipleship in your own life**.
- Have the **time capacity** to both disciple a student and lead your life group well.
- Meet the **standards of a student ministry life group leader**.

Out of love for you as a leader and desire to guard your personal relationship with Jesus, we expect you to uphold the above standards as long as you are in a discipleship relationship.

YOU ARE COMMITTED TO...

Being a Disciple

Commit to whole heartily investing in your relationship with Jesus while discipling another. Paul says, "be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1). He accurately places his conformity to Christ as the bedrock for calling others to learn from him. If the goal of conformity to Christ is lost in discipleship, then those who you disciple will strive to look more like you. Which, if you know yourself, is hopefully not what you want ☺.

Therefore, growing in your personal relationship with and conformity to Jesus is how you will most effectively help students understand Jesus to be their primary aim as well.

Being Discipled

Commit to living a healthy discipleship lifestyle of both investing in and being invested in. Just as Timothy had a Paul, you must also have a Paul-like figure in your life at all times. This biblical model is what we expect you to live within to ensure you are being cared for as you seek to multiply yourself through discipleship. This may show up in your life as either another person/mentor who invests in you and or being a part of a life group of others who regularly push you in your relationship with Jesus.

Discipling Another

Commit to a discipleship relationship with another. At its core, this involves intentionally investing in another person's life by helping them follow Jesus and be available to them whenever they may need encouragement, prayer, and or simply someone to love them. Just as Paul had his Timothy, you also should have a Timothy-like figure in your life at all times. This kind of relationship never truly ends. It's a spiritual bond in Christ built together over time that hopefully leads to mutual lifelong love and care for each other as followers of Jesus.

The specific discipleship commitment in student ministry involves *discipling one or two students once weekly or bi-weekly for one year in hope of future years*. This entails committing to discipling a student(s) for one year and then, at the end of the year, re-evaluating whether or not to continue meeting regularly or transition to a more casual discipleship relationship (less frequent get togethers). If you are a Life Group leader this specific commitment entails transferring the time you might spend outside of Life Group nights with every student over the course of the year to meeting with one or two students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. You will still be expected to be intentional with the students you are not discipling in your Life Group by pursuing your relational time with them on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and being available to meet on a one time basis if they reach out.