

## **Discipling Time Tips**

Here are ten tips to help get discipling going in your House Church (small group)

1. It begins with self-denial, Luke 9:23-26, discipleship is a call to follow Jesus and to walk like Jesus, 1 John 2:6. Being a disciple is an active daily decision to follow Jesus, especially when our desires want to go in a different direction
2. Embrace the One Another Passages, these passages form the foundation of our interactions with each other. Both from how we should live and how we should expect other disciples to live.
3. Get a plan for the discipling you need:
  - a. For new Christians or a new stage in life (just married, beginning a family), finding someone to mentor you is an amazing way to grow as a Christian. Seek out a spiritual mentor or a couple if you are married. Make yourselves available and learn.
  - b. Veteran disciples can thrive in a peer relationship, Proverbs 27:17 live out “iron sharpening iron”... using the word to call each other higher. A life of love, encouragement, challenge, and vulnerability is transformative.
  - c. Maybe a group of men, women or couples or a group that helps a specific need like finances or overcoming an addiction... these can be great for a season of transformation.
4. Meet regularly, it is amazing what a weekly lunch or coffee can produce in a friendship and a time of helping each other to grow as a disciple.
5. Admit when you need help. We all need help; nobody gets to heaven without help from their brothers and sisters.
6. Think about growing
  - a. What do you need help to grow in?
  - b. What does your partner or someone in your group need to grow in?
  - c. Share these thoughts to get help and give help.
7. Think about what you say. It needs to be both loving and honest. Some ways are better than others at expressing feelings and truths.
  - a. Look to use the right words. Avoid absolutes like “always” and “never”.
  - b. Share thoughts and feelings, be open to being wrong.
8. Protect the confidentiality of things shared with you. But if it is serious get advice, without sharing names, from someone who can really help.
9. Be filled with grace.
10. Pray together.