

## Guide for the Discipler

Thanks for taking on the responsibility of helping someone grow and become more like Christ. You have tools to help you and your disciple determine where they are and what their next step with Christ may be. Here are some additional ideas that may help you with the process.

1. Discipleship is a relational activity. You are not completing a task with them, you are partnering within a relationship. The better you know them, the better you can help them. If you lack a relationship with your disciple, spending some time getting to know them will serve you well in this process.
2. The Spiritual Stage Assessment can either be completed by your disciple separate from you, or you can walk through it together. Either way, when you review their answers, focus on why they chose their answer in each section. Discuss their answers, don't debate them. Honest answers are the goal, not right or wrong.
3. Once you finish the review of the completed assessment, use their answers to prayerfully help them determine their spiritual stage. Their answers do not (by themselves) decide their stage. Rather, they give information to help you and your disciple make that decision. If helpful, you may want to encourage your disciple to ask 2 or 3 people in their life for their opinion regarding their decision.
4. Then you move to the Next Step Guide. Don't neglect the Basic section at the beginning of the guide. You may discover that your disciple has not been baptized, is not in a small group, etc. Those "blanks" may help you determine next steps.
5. Have your disciple score the main section of the guide according to the instructions (2 or 1 or 0). Once finished, review their responses. Celebrate the 2s -- praise God! Then turn your attention on the 1s and 0s. Don't allow your disciple to feel shame with these answers. Help them see these numbers as growth areas. Talk and pray together with your disciple to narrow in on which one is a step God is leading them to take.
6. Finish by looking at the Assessments & Tools and Resources Sections at the end. The goal would be for your disciple to have taken every assessment and have access to all tools and resources. Prioritize those connected to the next steps that they are pursuing.
7. You are not in this alone. Feel free to seek help if you get "stuck".  
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Jesus charged us to "go and make disciples . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you".(Matthew 28:17-20) Enter into this with the confidence that you are doing exactly what Jesus told you to do. And, because of that reality, take heart that He will help you.