

DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT: COMPETENCE

If a member of the D-Group is going to lead their own group, we want to see a growing in competency in the Scriptures and key doctrine. As a disciple-maker, ask these questions of your D-group members to assess their competency. All answers to questions should be formed with corresponding Scripture references. An answer is not complete until demonstrated with reference to the Scriptures.

BE WITH JESUS

Gospel and Discipleship

- Concisely share the gospel with Scripture.
- What is the “cost of following Jesus?”
- What is discipleship? What is its purpose and what should it look like?

Bible Reading

- Why should a person read and meditate upon the Bible daily? Are you disciplined in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Prayer

- What is prayer, and why should we pray?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Scripture Memory

- Why should a person memorize Scripture?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Fasting

- Why should a person fast?
- What is fasting?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Giving

- Why should a person give to the local church?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Evangelism

- Why should a person share the gospel with the lost?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

Faithfulness

- Why should a person be faithful to the local church and its varied environments and gatherings?
- Are you disciplined and faithful in this area, and what does this look like in your life practically?

BE GROUNDED IN JESUS

The Scriptures

- What do you believe about the Bible?

God

- Who is God?
- Explain the Trinity.
- What does it mean that God is holy?
- Has God always existed?
- Who is the Father, and what is his role in salvation?
- Who is the Son, and what is his role in salvation?
- Who is the Holy Spirit, and what is his role in salvation?

Man

- What is special about humans in relationship to the rest of God’s creation?
- What is sin?
- When does a person become a sinner and why?
- What are the consequences of sin?

Christ

- What does it mean that Jesus is the Messiah/Christ?
- Demonstrate the Deity of Christ from Scripture.
- Demonstrate the Humanity of Christ from Scripture.
- Did Jesus ever sin?
- How does Jesus’ life relate to the Law of Moses (Ten Commandments)?
- Explain what is taking place in Jesus’ suffering and death on the Cross.
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Why did Jesus have to be raised from the dead?

Salvation

- How is a person saved from their sin?
- What is election?
- What is regeneration?
- What is justification?
- What is sanctification?
- What is glorification?

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Last Things

- What does the Bible teach about the return of Christ?
- How will Christ return?
- What is the final judgment?
- What do you believe about Hell?
- What is the New Heavens and New Earth?

The Church

- What is the church in a universal sense?
- What is a local church?
- What are the offices within a church?
- Who can hold the offices within a church?
- What are the two church ordinances?
- What is the purpose of a church?
- What is baptism?
- What is the Lord's Supper?

BE CONFORMED TO JESUS

Obedience

- How does obedience relate to salvation?
- How does justification relate to sanctification?
- What does obedience to Jesus look like in your life practically? Is there anything in your life of which you are not repenting or obeying Jesus?

Transformation by the Word and Spirit

- What is "renewing the mind," and how does this take place?
- What is "putting off and putting on" as it relates to sanctification?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our sanctification?
- How are you practically pursuing sanctification on a day to day basis?
- What is given by God as a weapon to fight sin?

Suffering

- Why is suffering necessary for a follower of Jesus?
- Why can we have hope in suffering?
- How should our minds be drawn to Christ in times of suffering?

BE SENT BY JESUS

The Mission of the Church

- What is the Great Commission?
- What reasons do we have to be confident in our commitment to Christ in this mission?
- How do we define success in terms of our participation in Christ's mission?

Sharing the Gospel

- What components/elements of truth must be presented for a gospel presentation to be complete?
- What is a "conversational bridge," and what kinds of bridges do you employ to enter gospel conversations?
- When was the last time you shared the gospel?
- How are you practically pursuing opportunities to share with others on a regular basis?

Making Disciples

- Where do we see discipleship in the Bible?
- Why must discipleship incorporate both instruction and relationships?
- How are you practically engaged in discipleship currently?
- Are you ready to lead others? Why or why not? What is needed for you to become ready?

DISCIPLESHIP ASSESSMENT: CHARACTER

If a member of the D-Group is going to lead their own group, we want to see them not only growing in competency in the scriptures but also in godly character (see 2 Peter 1:5–11). As a disciple-maker, you assess the spiritual growth of those in your D-Group. There should be qualities that are increasing (growing) and are observable. Second Peter 1:5-11 gives us a principle for assessing qualities that should be present and increasing in the lives of disciples. The following assessment categorizes these questions according to the discipleship curriculum.

BE WITH JESUS

Gospel and Discipleship

- Have they been faithful to discipleship?
- Are there any reasons they shouldn't lead someone else in discipleship?

Bible Reading

- Are they growing in reading and obeying God's word?
- What is the quality of their time in God's word?
- What specifically have they shared that they are obeying based on their reading of scripture?

Prayer

- Are they growing in their prayer life?
- What does this discipline look like in their lives? Are they praying biblically?

Scripture Memory

- Are they growing in memorizing God's word?
- Are they sharing with you what they are memorizing and why?

Fasting

- Are they growing in their understanding and desire to fast?
- What does this discipline look like in their lives?

Giving

- Are they growing in faithfully stewarding the resources God has given them?
- Do they make it a practice to give?

Evangelism

- Are they growing in faithfully sharing the gospel?
- Who have they shared with? Are they praying for opportunities to share?

Faithfulness

- Are they growing in faithfulness to the church?
- Are they in a community group faithfully?
- Are they serving in any areas? Especially areas where they may not be inclined to serve otherwise?

BE GROUNDED IN JESUS

The Scriptures

- Are they growing in their belief that the scripture is sufficient to help them lead lives of godliness?
- Are the scriptures influencing the way they view themselves and the world? What area(s) do they need to grow in as it pertains to this?

Salvation

- Do they show signs of regeneration?
- Do they have an ongoing struggle with the assurance of salvation?
- How are they growing in sanctification?

The Church

- Are they growing in their love for Jesus' church?
- Are they regularly present in the life of the church?

BE CONFORMED TO JESUS

Obedience

- Are they postponing obedience in any area?
- Have they been obedient to Christ even when it was particularly difficult?

Transformation by the Word and Spirit

- Are they growing in their understanding of sin and repentance?
- Are they applying the truth of scripture to help them fight sin?
- Are they growing in their language?
- Are they using inappropriate/foul language?
- Are they gossiping?
- Are the fruits of the Spirit modeled in their lives? Which one are they lacking in?

Suffering

- Are they growing in the way they suffer?
- Are they suffering with hope or despair?

BE SENT BY JESUS

The Mission of the Church

- Are they growing in their focus on Jesus?
- Are they more concerned with allegiance to political/social agenda than with the salvation of sinners?
- Are they overly focused on theological debates? (i.e. Calvinism, End Time theology, etc.)
- Are they intentional to engage in the Great Commission?
- Can they communicate their testimony with clarity and conviction or is it confusing on when salvation took place?

Sharing the Gospel

- Can they share the gospel with accuracy?
- When was the last time they shared the gospel?

Making Disciples

- Do you think they are ready to lead others in discipleship? If not, what reservations do you still have?