

# CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## “NEXT STEP SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLAN”

The purpose of this discipleship tool is to help you take the next step in your life of Christian discipleship. This tool will be most effective if used in the context of small group relationships of mutual accountability and responsibility. Seek the input of others in your Growth Group as you decide where and how to take the next step in your walk with Christ. Then prayerfully set goals, develop an action plan and enlist the prayer support of other group members. The group can then make time at each meeting to touch base on the progress being made and challenges being faced. The purpose is that the prayers, input and accountability of the group will provide a supportive, Christ-centered community for deeper discipleship and ongoing growth.

*The structure for this spiritual growth plan is built on the Seven Facets of Discipleship recognized by Christ Community Church as essential for authentic discipleship.*

### PRAYERFULLY REFLECT ON AND RATE YOUR GROWTH IN THE SEVEN FACETS OF DISCIPLESHIP

*On the 1—6 scale: 1 = Just Starting; 2 = A Good Beginning; 3 = Fair, but Room for Growth;  
4 = Fairly Consistent; 5 = Pretty Strong; 6 = Well Developed*

#### 1. Focused On God

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to living all of life for the glory of God.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

I have a growing understanding of the supremacy and majesty of Almighty God. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I clearly understand the difference between a God-centered life and a self-centered life. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I am learning to honor and enjoy God in every area of my life and in all that I do. 1 2 3 4 5 6

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#### 2. Fulfilled in Christ

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to finding spiritual fulfillment in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

John 6:35 *Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty”.*

I find spiritual fulfillment in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I often remind myself of my riches in Christ so that I find strength and joy in Him. 1 2 3 4 5 6

My relationship with Christ is my source of strength even in the temptations & trials of life. 1 2 3 4 5 6

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#### 3. Biblically Integrated

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to knowing God’s Word and applying it to every aspect of life.*

John 8:31-32 *...Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free”.*

I understand the inspiration and authority of the Bible as the Word of God. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I have a good grasp of the Bible and know how to read and study it. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I am applying the Bible to all areas of life (money, family, relationships, etc.). 1 2 3 4 5 6

Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Growth Oriented

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to ongoing spiritual growth.*

2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

I am experiencing ongoing spiritual growth. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I practice spiritual disciplines (i.e., prayer, Bible reading and meditation). 1 2 3 4 5 6

I have a personal plan to help me continue growing in my spiritual life. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. Ministry Minded

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to serving together with others in the cause of Christ.*

1 Peter 4:10 *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

I am actively involved in regular ministry or service of some kind. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I understand and use my spiritual gifts to serve with others for the cause of Christ. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I am growing in the humility and faithfulness needed for Christ-like servanthood. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. Committed to the Church

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to fellowship with others in the body of Christ.*

1 Timothy 3:15 tells us that we need to learn how to conduct ourselves in ... *God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

I understand the importance of the local church in the plan of God. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I work to cultivate unity and community in my church through my faithful participation. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I actively support the worship and work of my church with my service and giving. 1 2 3 4 5 6

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#### 7. Devoted to Disciple-making

*A disciple of Jesus Christ is committed to multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally.*

Matthew 28:19-20 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

I am actively praying for God to use me to help make disciples both locally and globally. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I pray for my non-Christian friends and invite them to church and other outreach ministries. 1 2 3 4 5 6

I know how to share my faith and make disciples and I do so regularly. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Total \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR GROWTH PLAN

Add up your totals and reflect on your self-evaluation.

1. Focused on God \_\_\_\_\_ Upward

2. Fulfilled in Christ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Biblically Integrated \_\_\_\_\_ Inward

4. Growth Oriented \_\_\_\_\_

5. Ministry Minded \_\_\_\_\_

6. Committed to the Church \_\_\_\_\_ Outward

7. Devoted to Disciple-making \_\_\_\_\_

Now granted, this is a simple exercise in self-evaluation, but what does it show you? Prayerfully ask God to help you think wisely (James 1:5) about your spiritual growth as a disciple of Jesus. Should you take the next step in an area where you already have some momentum, or is it time to move forward in an area you may have neglected?

Consider involving your Growth Group leader and Growth Group members to help you assess where you might take the next step. The purpose of this spiritual growth plan is not to intentionally neglect any area of life, but rather to intentionally focus on a few areas for purposeful growth. In light of this, pick one to three facets to focus on at the present time.

### SAMPLE

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<p>Discipleship Facet:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Biblically Integrated</i></p> <hr/> <p>Jot down possibilities for growth in this area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Read one new book about the Bible this quarter</i></li> <li>• <i>Read the whole Bible</i></li> <li>• <i>Read the New Testament</i></li> <li>• <i>Start memorizing scripture</i></li> <li>• <i>Make a list of verses relating to my life issues</i></li> <li>• <i>Join a Fellowship Bible Study</i></li> </ul>	<p>“.....train yourself to be godly.” 1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)</p> <p>Prayerfully reflect on your <i>possibilities</i> and develop a <i>plan</i> of action. Make your plan realistic and specific. Write it down here:</p> <p><i>Goals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Read through the New Testament</i></li> <li>• <i>Memorize one scripture a week that relates to a key area of my life (money, relationships, work, etc.)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Action Steps:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Get a reading plan that will accomplish the goal (ask your Growth Group for help)</i></li> <li>• <i>Write down 1 verse a week on a 3x5 card and memorize it</i></li> <li>• <i>Report progress and share verses at Growth Group meetings</i></li> <li>• <i>Join a Fellowship Bible Study</i></li> </ul>

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