**Rustic Hills Baptist Church**

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**Discipleship**

Definition

* Discipleship

*Colossians 1:28 Ephesians 4:15*

* Disciple: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Discipler: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *2 Timothy 2:2*

Paul understood the essence of discipleship is one believer leading others to follow their course, as they follow Christ. *Luke 9:23 Philippians 3:17 1 Corinthians 11:1*

Purpose

* To be conformed to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 12:2 And be*
* Discipleship is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*1 Peter 2:2 Ephesians 4:15 2 Peter 3:18 t.*

Goals of Discipleship

* Teach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian Character
* Encourage Service
* Get to know Him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A. Matures Us.** Ephesians 4:13 **B. Directs Us.** Colossians 1:9‑10

**C. Encourages Us.** Philippians 3:10 **D. Changes Us.** I John 2:3

**E. Assures Us.** I John 5:20

Getting to know Christ better, love Him more, serve Him more effectively.

Misconceptions of Discipleship

 \*Attendance in church in enough. \* Discipleship is only for new Christians.

 \*Discipleship is only the teaching of doctrine. \*Discipleship is automatic.

 \*Discipleship needs to be a program of the church.

 \*It is an activity that is to take place apart from the local church and has little relationship to the church’s major purpose.

Therefore, Believers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discipleship in the church because they never had the privilege of being discipled.

If thought of at all, it’s viewed as merely one segment of what the church offers.

 Discipleship should be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the church, not just another program.

Churches often fall into gauging success by the church by their buildings, the number and the size of their budget.

Mistaken beliefs:

 \*Responsibility of Pastor(s) \*Limited to those with superior spirituality

 \*Missionaries \*Because of previous sins, reserved personality, lack of talents, I am not ready to disciple someone.

Discipleship involves Accountability.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believer is accountable to God. *Hebrews 9:27-28*
* To spiritual leaders *Hebrews 13:17*
* To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_believers Proverbs 27:17 *Galatians 6:1*

Wise people make themselves accountable to others. The person who thinks he or she does not need to be accountable to anyone is a fool and usually has something to hide.

* Accountability requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Accountability requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.
* Accountability requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. *James 5:16*
* Accountability requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*John 13:34-35 1 Corinthians 10:12*

Confrontation and confession can only operate when confidentiality and compassion are assured

Discipleship should be reciprocal (a give and take) *2 Timothy 2:2,24; Titus 2:4*

Benefits

* Home grown Mature Believers
* A Healthy Church

Methods of Discipleship

* One-on-one
* Group

Discipleship Tools

* Material: Biblically sound – Discipleship is centered on the Word of God

Areas: Parenting, Marriage, Finances, Work, Drugs

Do not limit to just doctrine, but how doctrine affects everyday life.

* Biblically sound – Discipleship is centered on the Word of God
* Be comfortable
* Be familiar
* Be flexible

CHALLENGE: Every believer should foster three relationships in their life

* A Paul – an older and wiser believer to learn from
* A Barnabas – a friend who teaches, encourages and holds you accountable
* A Timothy – A young believer (believers) in whom you are investing.

*Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*

Every believer should ask the questions: Who is discipling me and who am I discipling?