



# EVERYDAY DISCIPLESHIP



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HOW DOES A DISCIPLE GROW?  
MATTHEW 9:9-13

Introduction

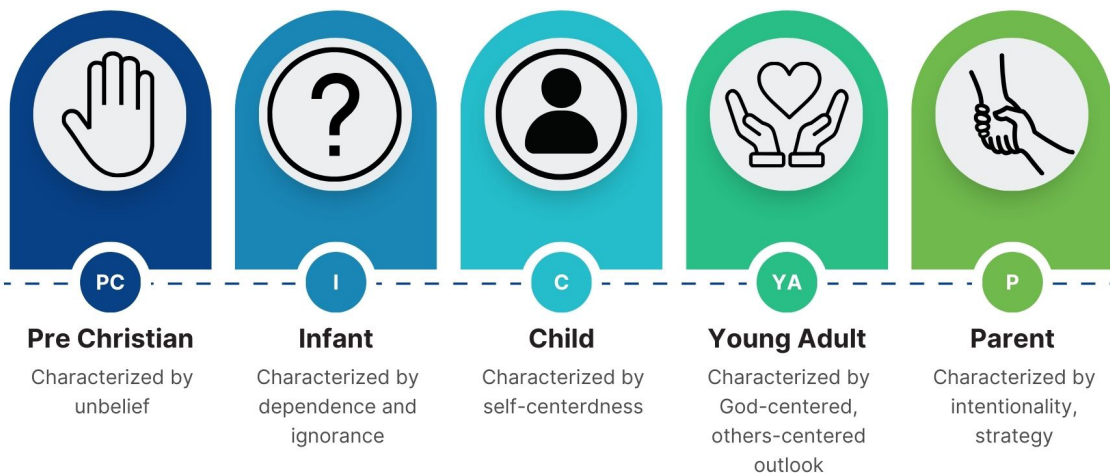
Why do we need to know how disciples grow?

**BIG IDEA:** Making disciples is the job of EVERY follower of Jesus.

How do disciples grow?



## Stages of Spiritual Development



*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is following Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus. (Matthew 4:1)*

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## Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. Who was the best coach or mentor you ever had? What was so great about how they helped you?
2. Read Matthew 28:18-20 together. What is the mission Jesus left for His followers to do?
3. Do you think of yourself as a "disciple-maker?" Why or why not?
4. What makes you feel resistance to the idea of making disciples?
5. We said that making disciples is the job of every follower of Jesus. How can each of us play a role in making disciples, no matter where we are in our own journey?
6. Consider the spiritual life-stages we discussed. Where would you place yourself in your journey? Why?
7. What might be your next steps to grow as a disciple of Jesus?
8. Is there someone in your life who is a step or two behind you that you might be able to coach in their next steps of faith? How might that look?
9. Close by sharing either a next step for you personally or an invitation you're going to make to help someone else in their journey. Pray for each other about these steps, and ask each other about them next time you meet!

## Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

**1. Talk:** To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

**2. Look Back (session 2+)**

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

**3. Read & Re-tell**

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

**4. Look**

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

**5. Look again**

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

**6. Inside me**

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

**7. Who else?**

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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