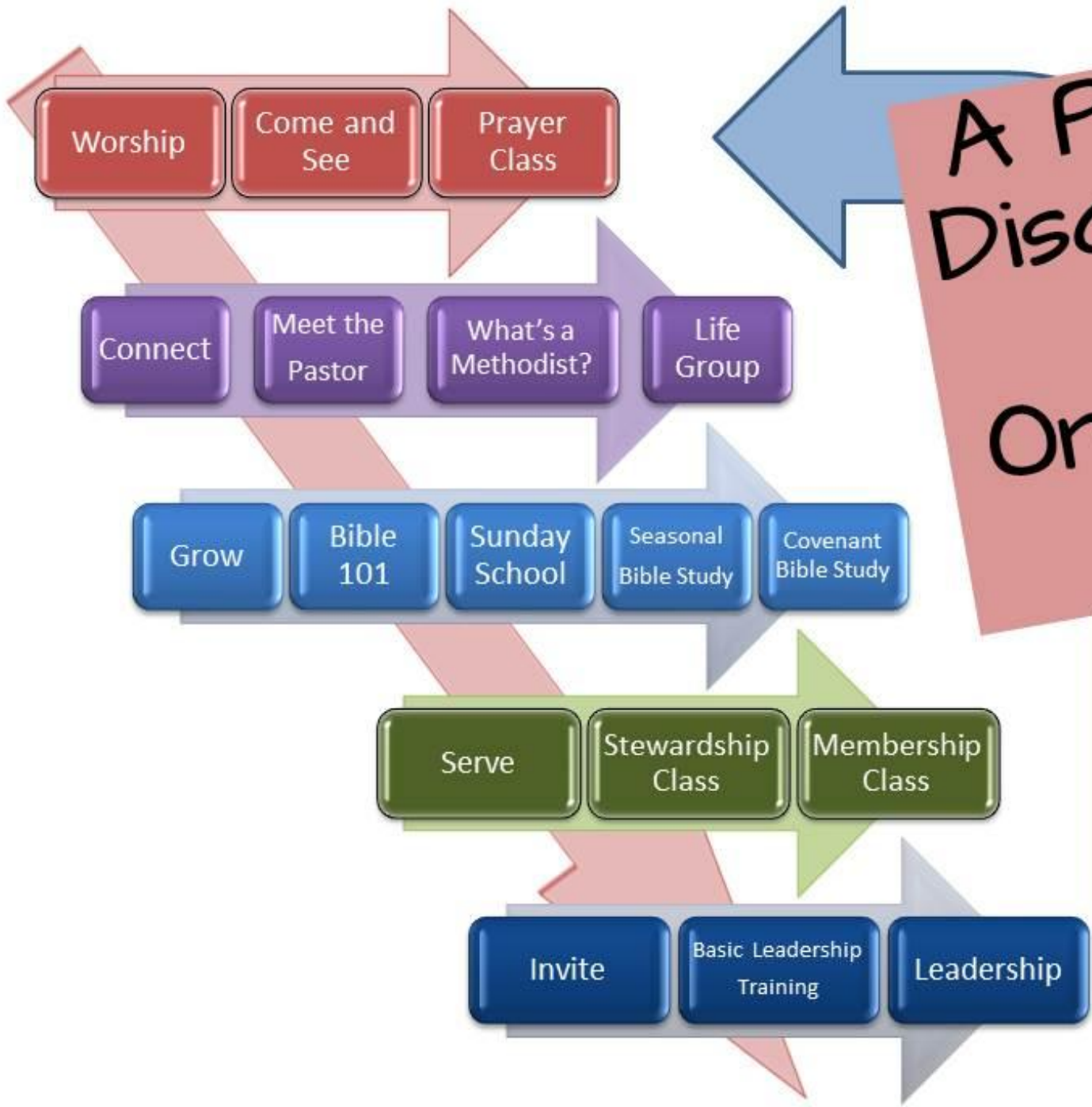


## **Making Disciples of Jesus Christ? Just what is a fully committed disciple of Jesus Christ?**

Our mission to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World” requires action on the part of our church and of the individual who wishes to encounter the living Christ! As a church, One Spirit will endeavor to intentionally create opportunities to nurture individuals who long to become fully committed disciples. Understanding that everyone is different, and that everyone comes to know Jesus in a personal and individual way, we have identified broad concepts to define what being a “fully committed disciple” (FCD) means.

1. Worship- As a church we will provide ample opportunities for worship. A FCD would worship every possible time...at least 3-4 times per month with our offerings.
2. Connect- As a church we will provide ample offerings of small groups and church social events. A FCD would be involved in a “Life Group” and regularly attend social functions at the church.
3. Grow- As a church we will provide ample opportunities for people to learn about their faith through bible study including Sunday school (that functions as a grow group not a “Life Group”), an on-going developmental bible study and seasonal bible study offerings. A FCD would be involved in one or more of these opportunities.
4. Serve- As a church we will provide ample opportunities for people to serve both in ministry at the local church and mission work (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally). A FCD will engage in ministry after assessing spiritual gifts and talents. A FCD would also actively engage in serving others in mission at some level.
5. Invite- As a church we will provide ample opportunities through bridge and elbow events for people to engage in connecting to the community. A FCD would engage in these events and take seriously their call to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
6. Pray- A fully committed disciple will engage in an active prayer life, praying for the church, the mission, the Pastor and the leadership.
7. Presence- A fully committed disciple will be present for the activities and worship offerings of the church.
8. Gifts- A fully committed disciple will recognize that God is the owner of all things and will sacrificially support the church through proportional giving.
9. Service- A fully committed disciple will serve in mission and ministry.
10. Witness- A fully committed disciple is prepared with their own “faith story” and regularly shares it with others.

Ephesians 4:22 says that as disciples we “lay aside our old selves”. Transformed disciples will “put on a new self” and would exhibit traits and behaviors as “in the likeness of God. A fully committed disciple is: content, cheerful, unenvious, pleasant, serious in their devotion, circumspect, prudent, affectionate, diligent, filled with hope, honest, comforting, trusty, sober, delightful, courageous, willing to learn, admirable, understanding, joyful, expectant, worshipful, without doubt, not an accuser or gossip, prayerful, full of grace, caring, forgiving, patient, trustworthy, faithful, loving, kind, helpful, and servant-minded.



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