



Discipleship Overview

1) Where are we trying to take people?

LOST 🔍

SPIRITUALLY DEAD

The lost or spiritually dead person is spiritually blind. Thus, they continue to seek out love, joy, and significance in all the wrong places. They do not understand spiritual truth from God and are unable to see Jesus as necessary or beautiful (see Luke 19:10, John 3:3, 2 Cor.4:3-4).

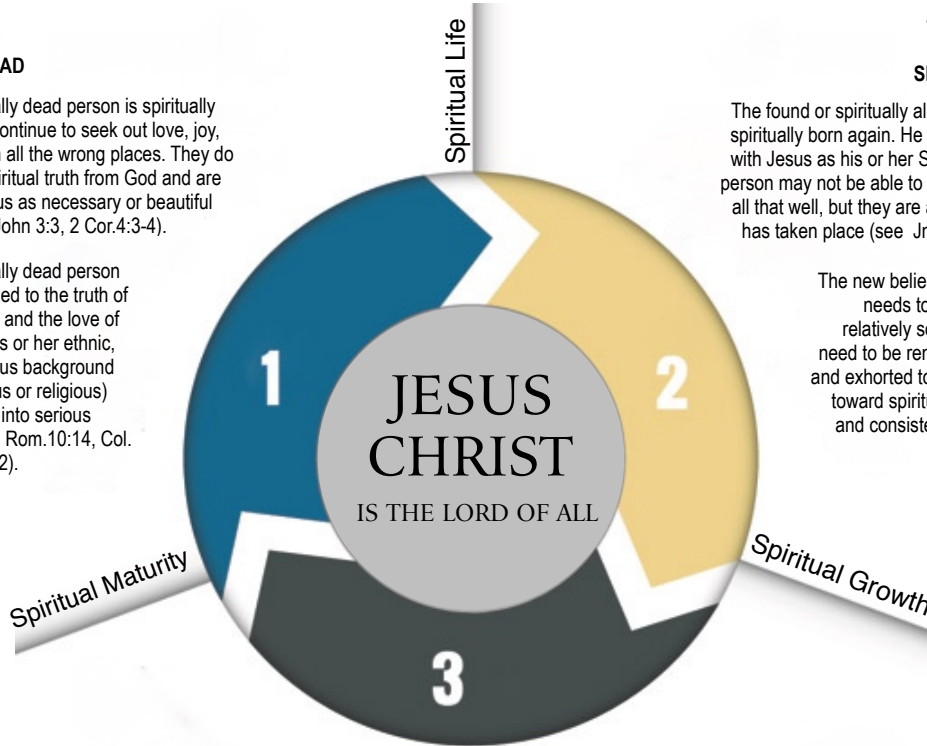
The lost or spiritually dead person needs to be exposed to the truth of the gospel in word and the love of Christ in action. His or her ethnic, cultural and religious background and bent (irreligious or religious) needs to be taken into serious consideration (see Rom.10:14, Col. 4:5-16, Lk.15:11-32).



FOUND

The found or spiritually alive person has been spiritually born again. He or she has identified with Jesus as his or her Savior and Lord. This person may not be able to articulate the gospel all that well, but they are aware that a change has taken place (see Jn.4:1-30, Acts 9:1-6).

The new believer or spiritual infant needs to be followed up with relatively soon. This person will need to be reminded of the gospel and exhorted to take the next steps toward spiritual growth. Patience and consistent follow up are key (see 1 Pt.2:1-5).



ACTIVE SPIRITUALLY MATURE

The active or spiritually mature believer has a strong foundational knowledge of the Scriptures, a growing intimate fellowship with God, a concern for unbelievers and is actively putting their faith to work in the church and community (see Col.1:28, Heb.5:14).

The spiritually mature believer needs very little follow up. This person needs to have an outlet for ministry that suits his or her spiritual gifts and a few close friends who can keep him or her accountable. (see Rom.12:3-8, Gal.2:11).

2) What is our plan to get them there?

There are many different plans for discipleship. A number of our members use a variety of methods and plans. However, all effective plans will develop a person in five key areas of spiritual life and growth.

The Five Vital Areas For Spiritual Life and Growth

- 1) **SCRIPTURE:** A person's view on, exposure to, and ongoing engagement with the bible is vital to having a relationship and maintaining fellowship with God. Every other vital area for growth develops from the Scriptures.
- 2) **GOD:** A person's understanding of the personhood, attributes, and work of God are vital for their life and worldview. Each book of the bible is about knowing God. After all, what is eternal life? It is knowing God.
- 3) **MAN:** A person's view of mankind outside of Christ or in Christ effects his or her approach to so many things in life. A biblical doctrine of man helps people to understand themselves, others, and many of the problems in the world.
- 4) **SALVATION:** A person's understanding of what salvation is, what people are being saved from, and how someone becomes saved is critical for experiencing joy in life and effective evangelism for Christ.
- 5) **CHURCH:** A person's view of and role in the church is vital to becoming a healthy, effective, and mature follower of Jesus Christ. It's also critical to be clear on the church's mission and role in the world.