



Marks of Discipleship

Discipleship is the Christian's intentional journey in grace. Jesus commanded the Church to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:18). The goal of a disciple is maturity in Jesus Christ... "to grow into the maturity of the full stature of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Being disciples of Jesus Christ is what Christ Lincoln is all about. The Marks of Discipleship are significant components of our spiritual growth spoken of regularly by our Lord and laid out clearly in the Scriptures. While they are not "requirements," we lift these Marks of Discipleship as clarifiers. They help us more fully experience the joy and responsibilities of our faith. The Marks of Discipleship are the benchmarks to strive for especially for our leaders in the ministry. However, all members of Christ Lincoln are encouraged to be continually growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ through the use of and growth in the Marks of Discipleship.

The invitation is to come grow with us, to demonstrate the following Marks of Discipleship:

1. Personal faith demonstrated in daily **scripture** reading; Psalm 119:105
2. Personal faith demonstrated in daily **prayer**; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19
3. Faithful in **worship**; Psalm 122:1 and Hebrews 10:23-25
4. Active Christian **giving** through
 - a. serving in a ministry at Christ; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
 - b. giving in offerings that are cheerful and sacrificial; Malachi 3:10 and 2 Corinthians 8:12
 - c. involvement in at least one mission project outside of Christ at least once a year; Matthew 25:31-46
5. Commitment to ministry growth through **relationships** and friendships; Mark 6:7
6. Intentional spiritual **growth**; growth plan including regular Bible study with fellow believers; Ephesians 4:11-16

As a member of Christ Lincoln, we encourage you to strive to meet the above Marks of Discipleship. If there are ways in which you need help with these, please talk with one of our pastors.