

## **Role: The Discipler**

### **Description of a “Discipler”**

We believe that everyone is called to disciple at least one other person. The role of the discipler is for those who are ready to answer that call.

The Discipler serves his/her small group by actively discipling 1-3 other people within the group. This means spending regular time encouraging them in their walks with Jesus, praying for them on a weekly basis, and being available to assist the small group leader in caring for the needs of those within the group.

### **Characteristics of a “Discipler”**

#### Knowledge

- Able to clearly articulate the Gospel (can share and explain it simply and directly)
  - They can explain the Gospel in a clear way.
  - They can share the story of the Gospel’s impact in their life.
- Understand the importance of the Sacraments in the Christian life
  - They understand our distinctly Lutheran view of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper
  - They can articulate why Baptism and the Lord’s Supper matter for discipleship and living the Christian life
- Have a Solid Scriptural Foundation
  - Understand the narrative arc of Scripture
  - Believe in the reliability of Scripture

#### Behaviors

- Spiritual Life Assessment – They have taken the SLA and are being coached in the values by the SG Leader
- Teachable – They are actively pursuing opportunities to grow in their scriptural and theological knowledge
- Devotional life - they are regularly in God’s Word throughout the week and actively praying for their group and those they are discipling
- Have begun modeling the Family Values:
  - Worship - they weekly attend worship at one of our sites
  - Connect - they regularly attend their small group, making each meeting a priority

- Serve - they are serving in a role at Trinity (which might be in this discipler role), as well as giving time to serve the community (either through our Community Impact opportunities or on their own)
- Generosity - they are on the 'Intentional' rung of the Generosity Ladder, regularly and consistently either tithing or working towards the tithe.
- Leading - they are actively discipling 1-2 members of the Small Group as well as being coached by their SG Leader
- Sharing - they are actively praying for, inviting, and having spiritual conversations with at least two people who don't yet follow Jesus
- Accountability - they are regularly meeting with and sharing their discipleship journey with their SG leader
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