Simple Discipleship

Overview

Connections

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Key Questions

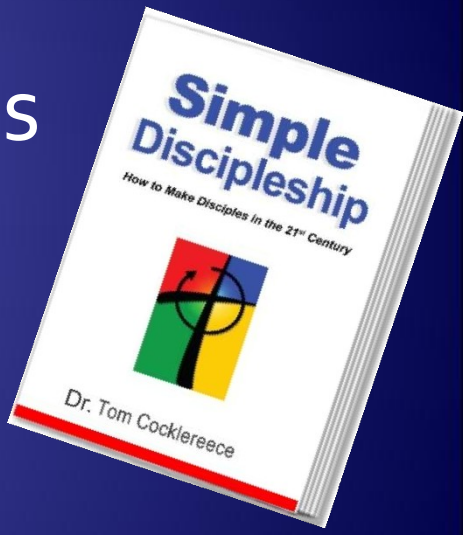
- What process does your church use to make disciples?
- How do you know it is working?
- How do you measure your process?
- What are the clear biblical expectations of every Christian in your church?
- Is there unity on the expectations?

Simple Discipleship: How to Make Disciples in the 21st Century

- By Church Smart Resources
- Part 1: Simple Discipleship process
- Part 2: Implementation guide

  includes strategy planning and congregational change management info

Available soon!



ENDORSEMENTS

Dr. Chuck Lawless

Dean, Billy Graham School, Vice President for Academic Programming, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

- "Simple Discipleship is a process instead of a program"
- "Drives discipleship into the DNA of the congregation"

Dr. Nelson Price

Pastor Emeritus, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, GA

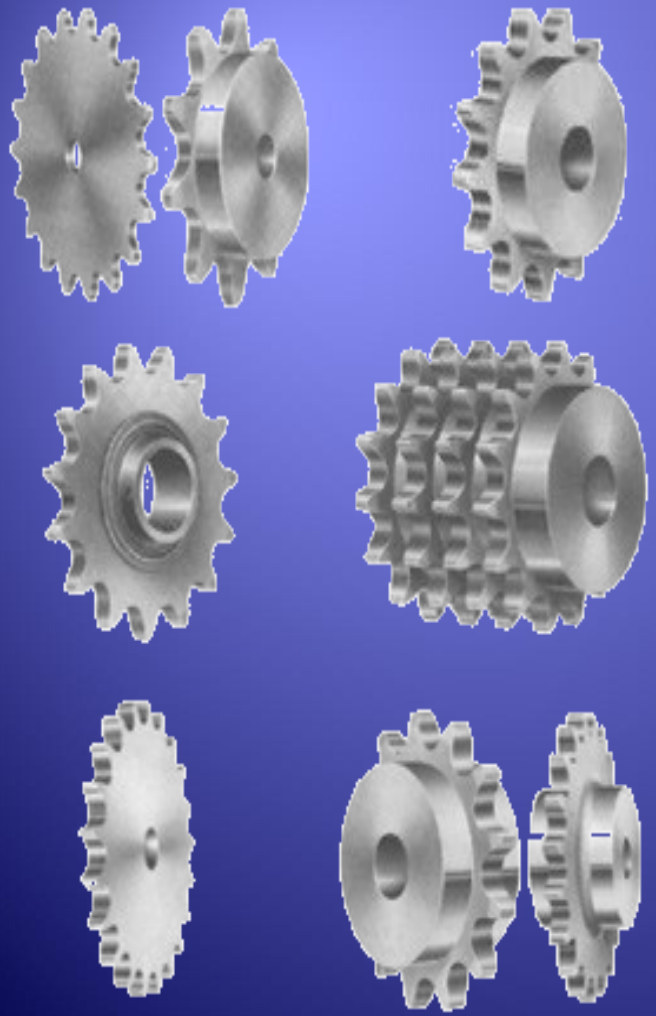
- "Simple Discipleship helps mature Christians"
- "Is a church renewal process"
- "Life-support for churches"
- "Concepts are definitive and measurable"
- "Can mobilize the total church"

The Current State of Discipleship

The Status of Discipleship Today

- Leaders uncertain of target
- Silo ministry delivery system
- Programs and activities do not produce spiritual growth.
- Buffet programs/events are not a disciple-making process.
- Churches are not missionally active in community.

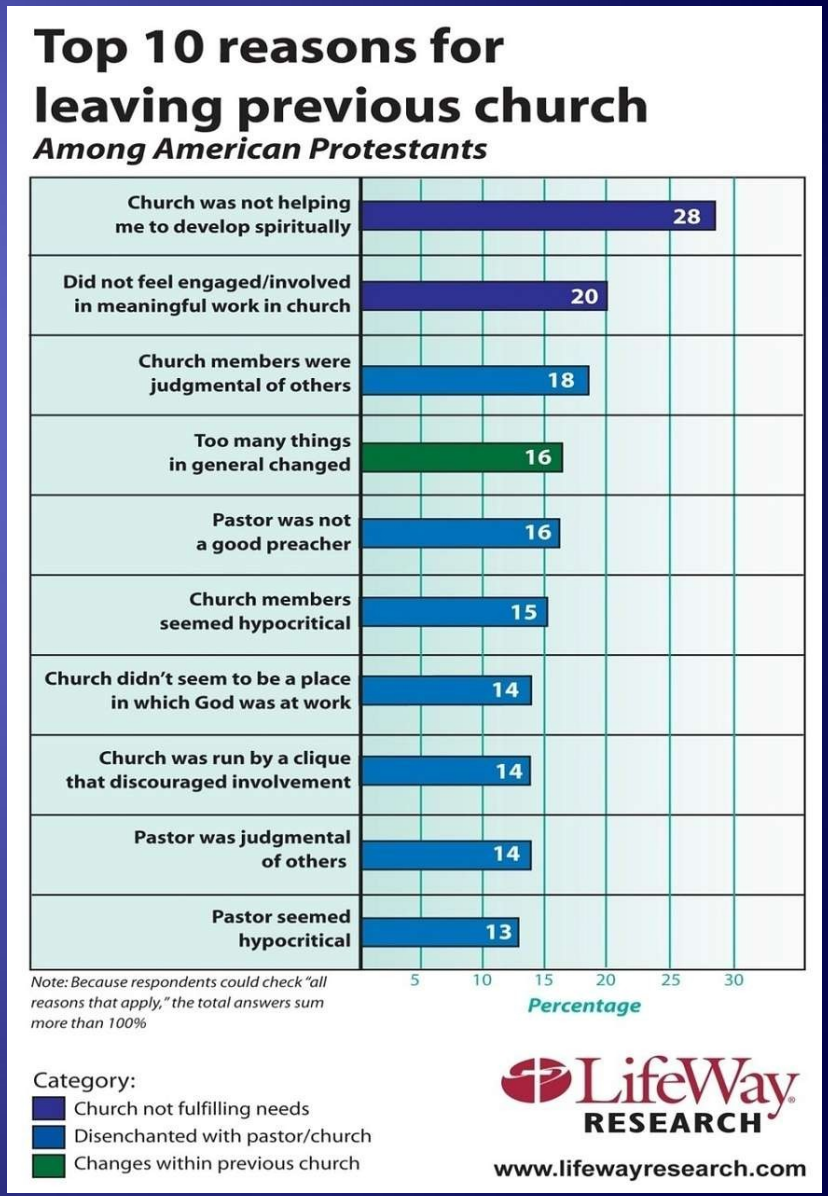
Programs vs. Processes



Why People Leave Church

28% Church was not helping me to develop spiritually.

20% Did not feel engaged/involved in meaningful work in church.



The Great Commission
Matthew 28:19-20

- Jesus did not say, "Go make converts."
- "Baptizing" is only one aspect of "making disciples."
- Jesus did not place all of the responsibility for discipleship on the new Christian.
- Jesus placed the responsibility for "making disciples" on the church.
- A church is healthy if she is baptizing and discipling.

Get ready for the Great Commission Resurgence!

- Discipled Christians are better evangelists.

SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP

How to Make Disciples in the 21st Century

SD Defines the Target

- SD defines the target: "What is a disciple of Jesus Christ?"
- Defines the stages of spiritual growth
  - 0 Carnal Christian
  - 1 Baby Christian
  - 2 Growing Christian
  - 3 Advancing Christian
  - 4 Maturing Christian

SD Clarifies Primary Values

- SD drives 4 primary biblical values into the DNA culture of your church.
  - Know Christ= Worship
  - Grow in Christ= Word
  - Serve Christ= Ministry
  - Share Christ= Missions

SD Primary Values

- WORSHIP
- WORD
- MINISTRY
- MISSIONS

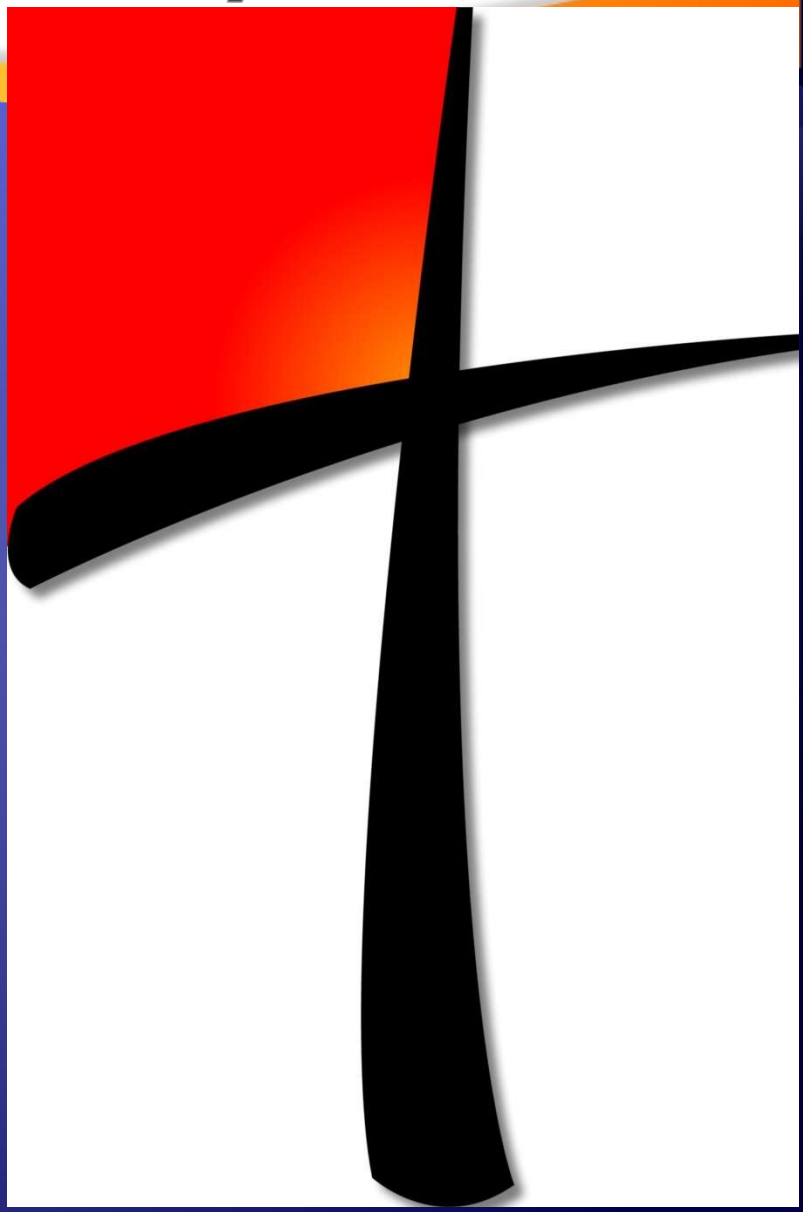
Unifies Church Expectations

- 10 biblically-based expectations
- Sub-values of 4 primary values
- Aligned within the primary values
- Action and growth oriented
- Empower spiritual and numerical growth

SD WORSHIP Primary Value

- Worship- Love God

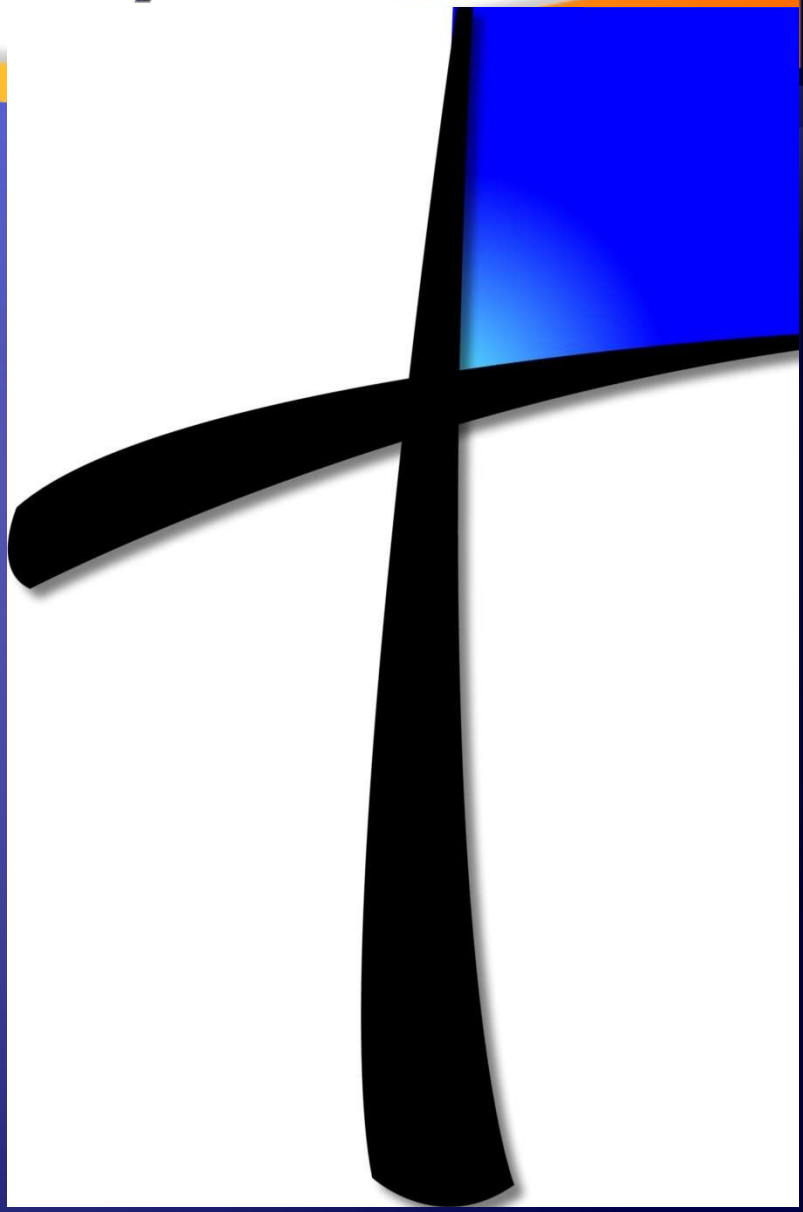
2. Private daily worship
3. Public worship
4. Giving tithes and offerings



SD WORD Primary Value

- Word- Love People

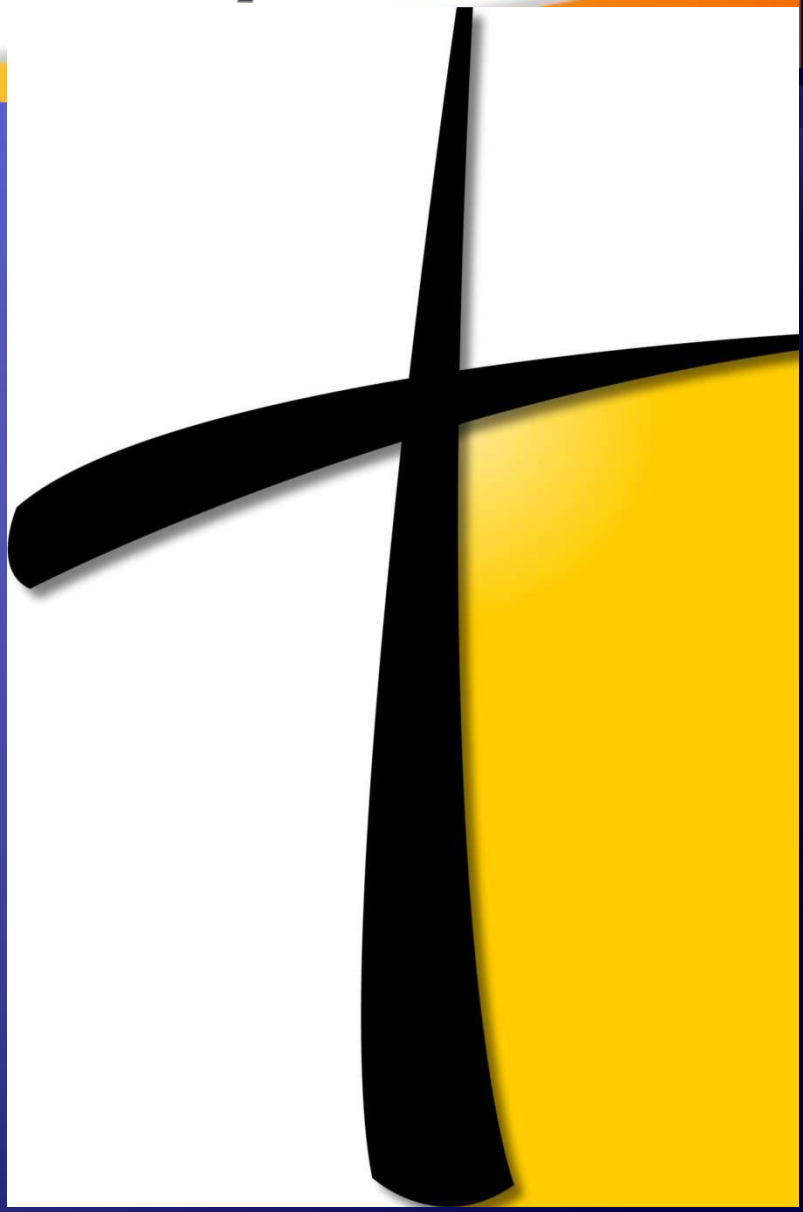
2. Study the Bible with others
3. Love people
4. Obey God's Word



SD MINISTRY Primary Value

- Ministry- Serve Christ's Church

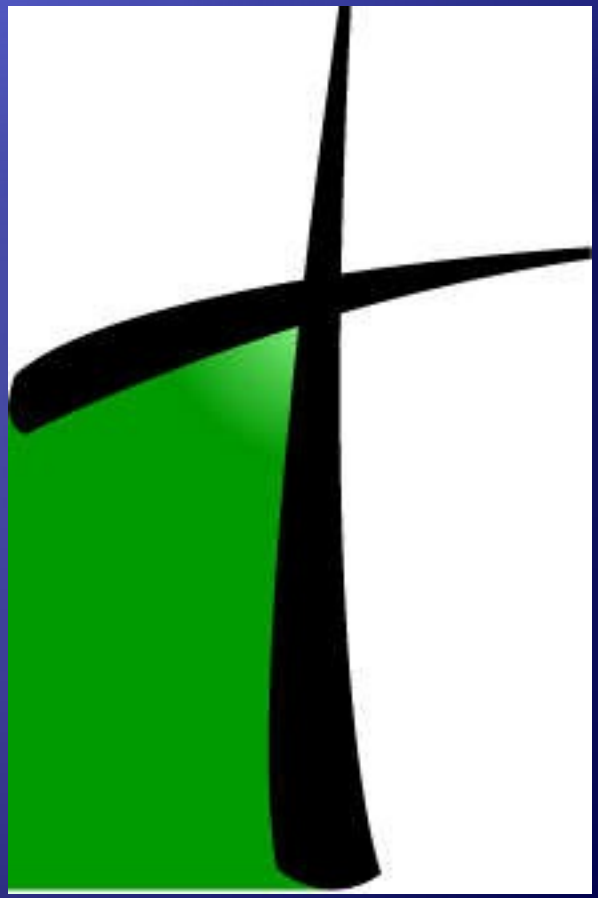
2. Train for, serve in, and mentor others in ministry



SD MISSIONS Primary Value

- Missions- Share Christ!

2. Share Christ
3. Invest in others
4. Invite others to WORSHIP



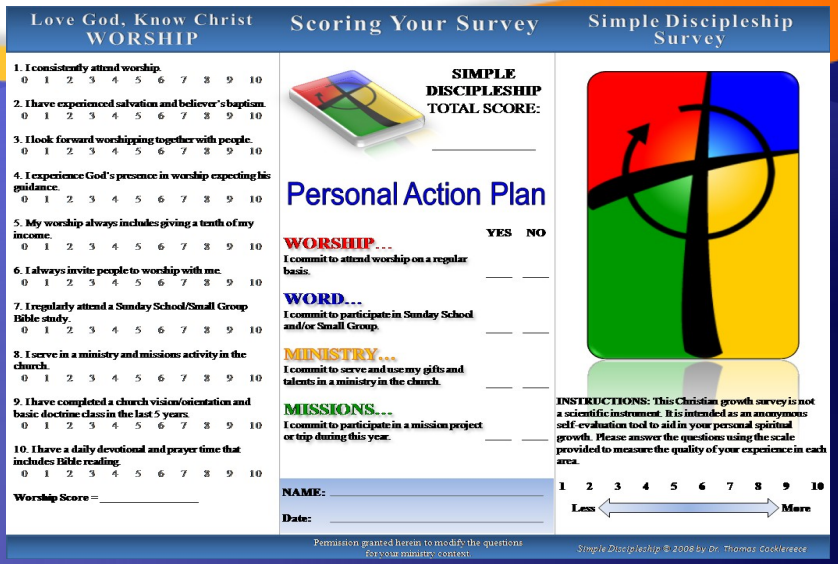
SD 360 Survey

- Provides a self-evaluation of Christian growth and participation across the four dimensions of WORSHIP, WORD, MINISTRY, and MISSIONS for:

S Individuals

S Classes

S The Church



Love God, Know Christ
WORSHIP

1. I consistently attend worship. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
2. I have experienced salvation and believer's baptism. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. I look forward worshipping together with people. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
4. I experience God's presence in worship expecting his guidance. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
5. My worship always includes giving a tenth of my income. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
6. I always invite people to worship with me. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
7. I regularly attend a Sunday School/Small Group Bible study. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
8. I serve in a ministry and missions activity in the church. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
9. I have completed a church vision/orientation and basic doctrine class in the last 5 years. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
10. I have a daily devotional and prayer time that includes Bible reading. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Worship Score = _____

Scoring Your Survey

SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP TOTAL SCORE: _____

Personal Action Plan

	YES	NO
WORSHIP... I commit to attend worship on a regular basis.	___	___
WORD... I commit to participate in Sunday School and/or Small Group.	___	___
MINISTRY... I commit to serve and use my gifts and talents in a ministry in the church.	___	___
MISSIONS... I commit to participate in a mission project or trip during this year.	___	___

NAME: _____

Date: _____

Simple Discipleship Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: This Christian growth survey is not a scientific instrument. It is intended as an anonymous self-evaluation tool to aid in your personal spiritual growth. Please answer the questions using the scale provided to measure the quality of your experience in each area.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Less ⟷ More

Permission granted herein to modify the questions for your ministry context.

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The survey is centered within the SS/SG's where much of the planning for the MINISTRY and MISSIONS projects takes place.

SCALABILITY

Scalability allows leaders to measure vertical and horizontal growth on all levels: individual, groups, and congregation using the same model.

SD Primary Values & Expectations

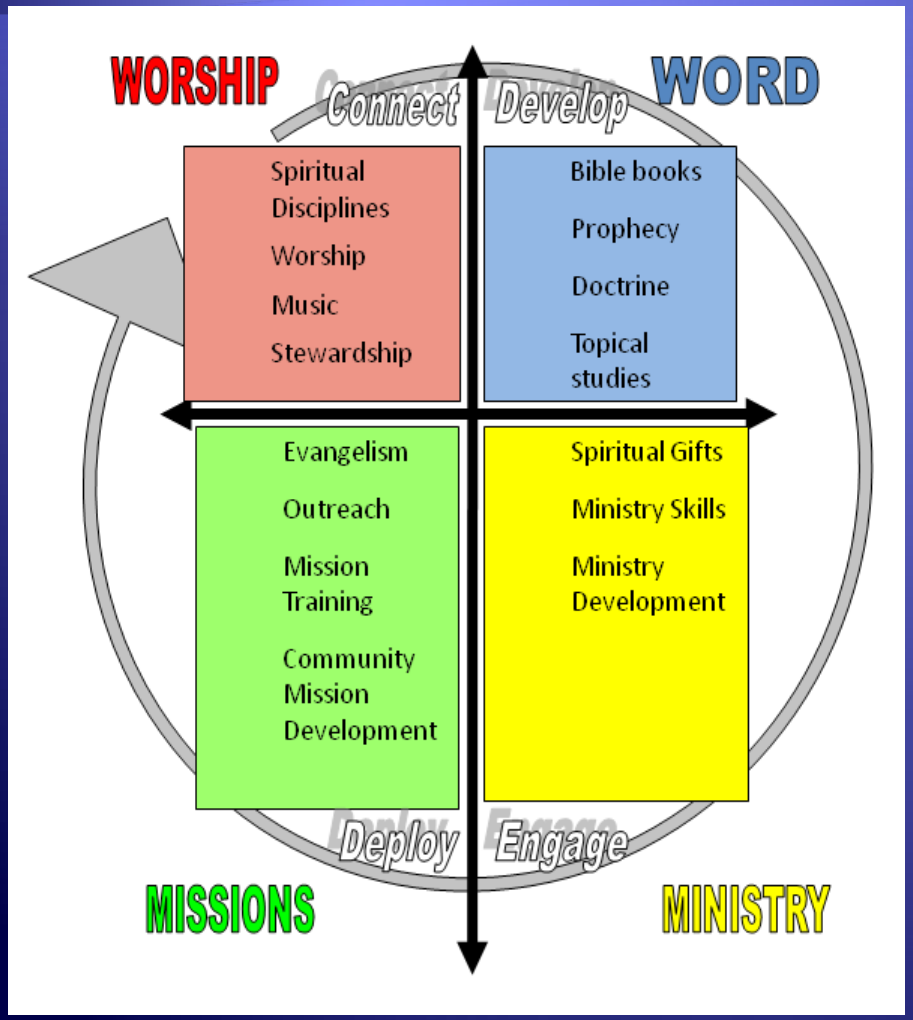
4 Primary Values

10 Expectations

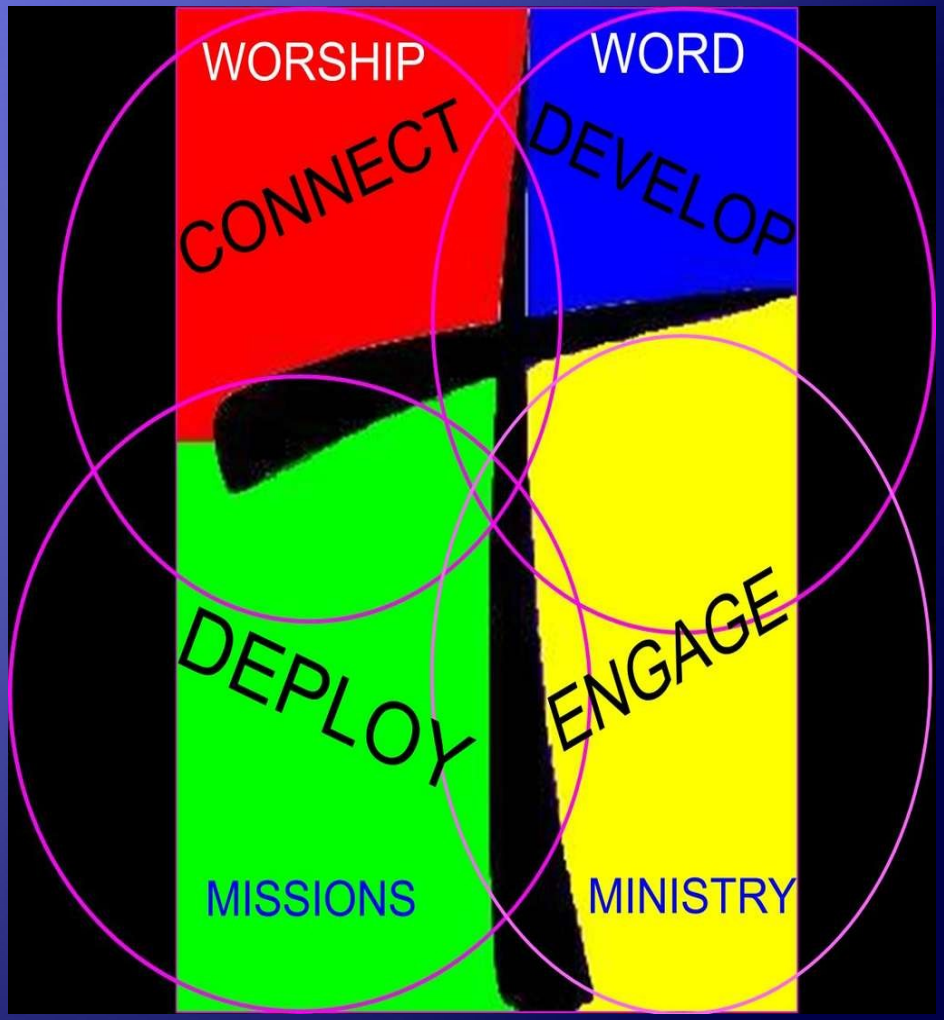
Scalable accountability tool

A Balanced Discipleship Process

Balanced Development



Strategic Development



SD Balanced Scorecard

At Start up

	Active Resident Attendance	Worship	Word	Ministry	Missions	Average SD Score
(Quantitative) Attendance	204	160	162	88	15	
(Percentage) Attendance		78%	79%	43%	7%	
(Qualitative) SD Scores		62	60	54	32	52

SD Balanced Scorecard

After 6 Months

	Active Resident Attendance	Worship	Word	Ministry	Missions	Average SD Score
(Quantitative) Attendance	216	176	168	107	47	
(Percentage) Attendance		81%	78%	50%	22%	
(Qualitative) SD Scores		68	62	65	49	61

A Word of Caution

- Requires WORK!
- Not a "quick fix."
- Cultivating change takes time and effort.
- Not a substitute for prayer, vision, building consensus, and developing an organizational culture that seeks a God-given revelation.

A Word of Caution

- SD is not intended to be a program.
  - If you use SD as one more program, IT WILL FAIL!
  - If you take the SD paradigm and try to fit it in to your silo paradigm, IT WILL FAIL!
  - If you saturate it in prayer, WORK, and follow the process, you will likely experience success.

How to use SD

- Ministry process
- Long term strategy planning process
- Evangelism process
- Discipleship process
- Leadership development process
- New Christian transformational process
- Family and children's ministry process
- Spiritual renewal process
- Church-planting process
- Turnaround church process
- Change management process
- Christian coaching process

What SD Can Do for Your Church

1. Unleashes all leaders to participate in discipleship.
2. Reduces turf mentality and unhealthy competition.
3. Provides horizontal measurements across all ministries allowing leaders to track the progress of the people in the process.

- To what degree are class members participating in each area of ministry?
- How might the class leaders help people improve their scores?

What SD Can Do for Your Church

1. Assist members to better understand what their church expects of them.
2. Assist members to better understand to what degree they are meeting the expectations of their church.
3. Firmly root core faith values and expectations within the total membership.
4. Assist members to better understand what their next spiritual step is.

What SD Can Do for Your Church

1. Assist Sunday School teachers to be better leaders.
2. Improve involvement, prayer, fellowship, attendance, and discipleship in Sunday school classes.
3. Unify and mobilize the Sunday School achieve the purposes of the church.
4. Assist the staff and lay leaders to plan according to the purpose of the church—to make disciples.

What SD Can Do for Your Church

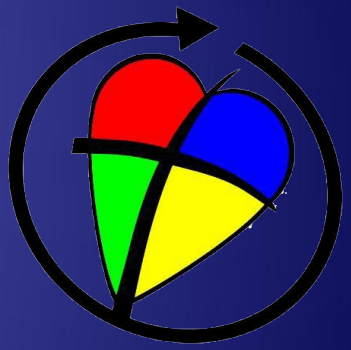
- Assist the staff in creating positive motivation for the membership to embody the expectations of the church.

  Creates a spontaneous accountability culture in the church.

- Simplicity at a time when people are searching for it and churches are trying to reduce budgets and focus on the main thing—making disciples.

Some Churches Using SD

- Kennesaw FBC
  - fm 418 to 558 now
- Paper Mill Baptist Church, Marietta
  - fm <50 to >65 now
- Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Grayson, GA
  - Starting SD ~345 to ~400 now

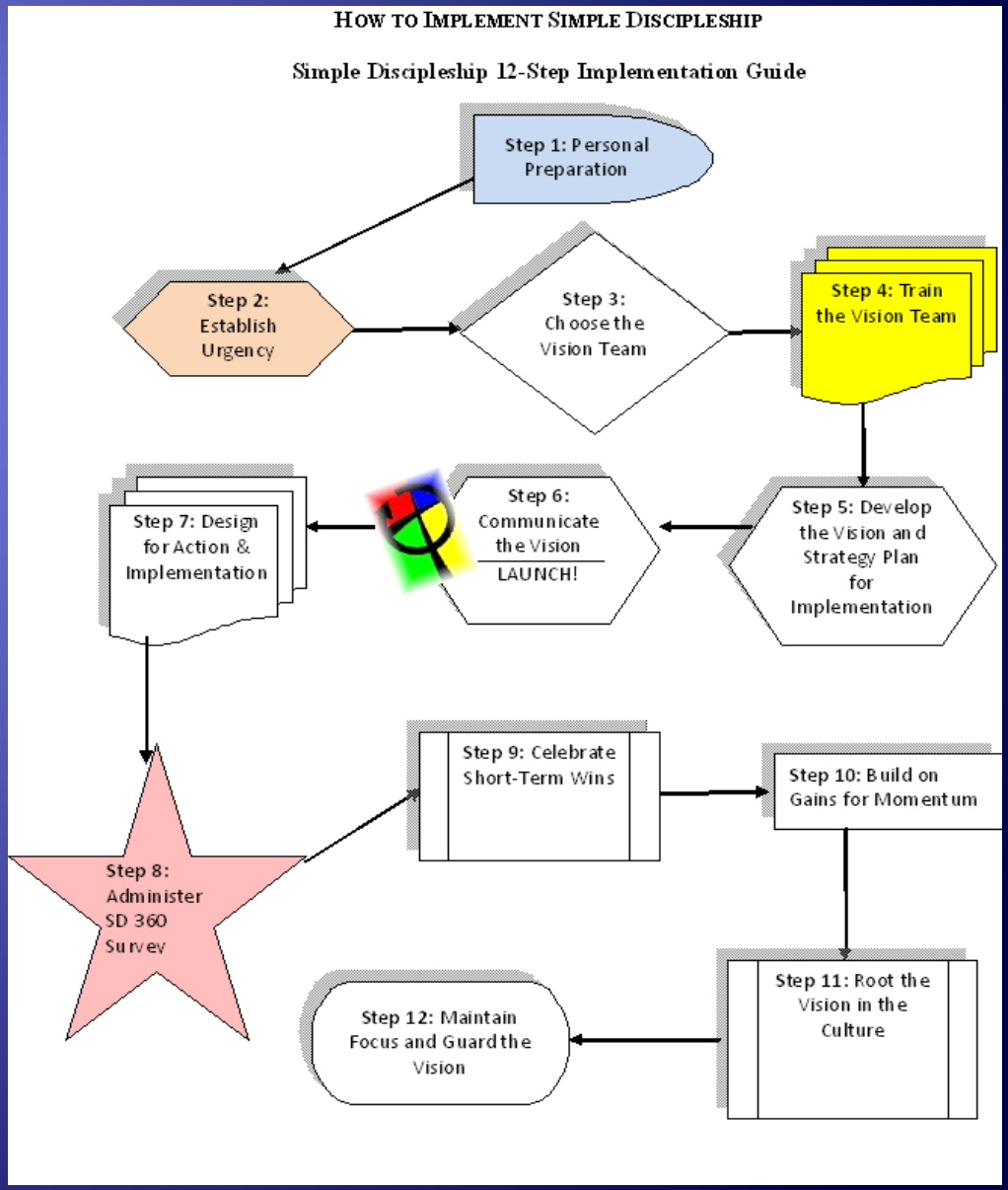


Other SD Churches

- **Noonday Baptist Association**
  - Shady Grove Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
  - Olive Springs Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
  - FBC Smyrna, GA
  - Sandy Plains Baptist Church, Marietta, GA
  - Shallowford Falls Community Church, Marietta, GA
- **Atlanta Metro Baptist Association**
  - Clairmont Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
  - Hapeville FBC, Hapeville, GA
  - Northeast Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
  - Centennial Place Church, Atlanta, GA
- **Stone Mountain Baptist Association**
  - Heritage Hills Baptist Church, Conyers, GA
- **Gwinnett Baptist Association**
  - Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Grayson, GA

Simple Discipleship Startup Seminar

- Learn step-by-step how to become more effective at making disciples.



ONE-DAY STARTUP SEMINAR

Call for rates and info