

DISCIPLESHIP
PATHWAY
ASSESSMENT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Now that your group has completed the Discipleship Pathway Assessment, use this guide to discuss the experience and how you can support each other in taking next steps in your discipleship journey.

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PREPARE

- Download or print the Group Report and Detailed Report
- Be ready to share from the Group Report on which signpost the group is strongest and weakest and the “lowest scores” for the weakest signpost
 - Strongest signpost: _____
 - Weakest signpost: _____
- Review the Next Steps suggestions online for the two weakest signposts for your group and select a couple next step suggestions that you think would fit your group
- Next Step suggestions for group:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- Pray that God would guide the discussion to encourage participants to want God’s help in growing in their walk with Him and that the group will encourage each other to take the right next steps to invest in our walk with Him.



“Maturity is reached
the day we don’t need
to be lied to about
anything.”

~Frank Yerby, writer



“Discontent is the first necessity
progress.”

~Thomas Edison, inventor





INTRODUCE THE IDEA OF ASSESSMENT

What are examples in our daily lives of when we are “assessed” or when we are “assessing” something or someone else?

How would you define assessment?

Personal Reactions

Choose 3 or 4 of these questions

- What was your initial reaction to our discipleship being assessed?
- What is there to look forward to when considering an assessment like this one?
- What are some of the things one might dread?
- What were the most predictable questions and topics you encountered?
- Which questions or topics surprised you?
- How would you describe your thoughts about the assessment once you completed it?
- Which one question or specific topic was the most challenging for you?
- As you completed the assessment, did you feel any times that the Holy Spirit was speaking to you? What was His guidance?
- If you hadn't taken the assessment, when or where else would you have considered how you are doing on these discipleship signposts?

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror,
but then face to face. 1 Cor 13:12



Engaging the Bible

- When it's the Bible that sharpens our minds, shapes our perspectives, and directs our actions, we naturally grow toward Christlikeness.

Obeying God and Denying Self

- To be a disciple is synonymous with following Jesus as the One who is in authority over us. Progress can be seen as we set aside earthly delights for kingdom priorities.

Serving God and Others

- Jesus set an example for his followers of being willing to serve them. Christlike transformation is evident when personal needs and even dreams are set aside for the needs we see in others.

Sharing Christ

- A key mark of a growing disciple is an outward focus that puts the gospel into words. Growth in Christlikeness is evident in believers as we talk about Christ and the message of the gospel.

Exercising Faith

- Progress in a disciple's walk with Christ is seen when risk-aversion is set aside, and our lives are characterized by faithful obedience to God's will.

Seeking God

- Christlike transformation takes place when our desire is to know God more deeply and experience His work more fully. This includes responding to Him with a lifestyle of worship.

Building Relationships

- Our faith is personal, but it is not intended to be private. Our horizontal relationships should develop just as our vertical relationship with God does. Growth in Christlikeness is occurring when relational maturity is evident in our lives.

Living Unashamed

- Followers of Jesus Christ find their identity in Him. Christlike transformation is evident when believers are unashamed in presenting their own lives as being aligned with Christ.

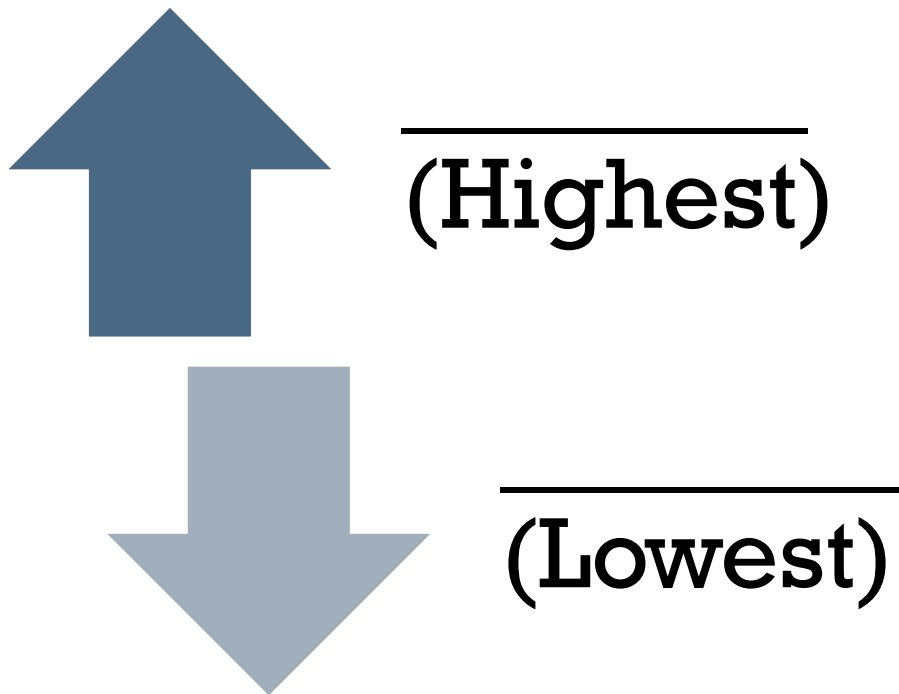
DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Review the 8
signposts with
the group



GROUP RESULTS

From the Group Report share the highest and lowest score



Discuss the groups highest and lowest score

- Why do you think [*strongest signpost*] is our best?
- Who has specifically helped you with your discipleship in this area?
- What experiences do you think have helped you mature spiritually in this area?
- Why do you think [*weakest signpost*] is hardest for us?
- Can you think of how one of your strengths could help us address this area of weakness?



NEXT STEPS

Discuss

- What is the most important insight you have gained from the assessment?
- What choices do you believe you are facing regarding your next steps in your walk with Christ?
- What would you suggest our group consider doing together in response to these results? (Share a couple options of next steps for your group from the group suggestions online)
- What is your opinion of discipleship assessment now that you have completed it and discussed some of the results?

After the Discussion Time

- Begin the next step that the group agreed to do together
- Next week ask the group how they are doing on their own next step
- Share with the group how you are doing on your next step
- Plan a time to select another next step to take



GUIDED PRAYER TIME

Ask the group to silently pray as you share the following topics. Give the group 20-30 seconds to pray before reading the next topics

- Thank God that by His grace we are followers of Jesus Christ
- Pray that we would seek first the kingdom of God in each of our lives (Mt. 6:33)
- Pray that we would increasingly have the mind of Christ (Philp. 2:5-8)
- Pray that we would display the love of Christ with our actions (1 Jn 4:7-8)
- Pray that individuals in our groups would follow through on the next steps we shared
- Pray that our group would grow in [weakest signpost]
- Pray that our leader would see how our upcoming Bible passages we study apply to our need for growth in the areas we discussed today