

Discipleship Through Groups

	Explorer	Learner	Influencer	Investor
Summary	<i>These studies are for people taking the first steps in their spiritual growth. They may believe in God but may not be sure about Jesus & salvation. Faith has not been a significant part of their life.</i>	<i>These studies are for early believers who are growing in their faith through church experiences and are starting to incorporate spiritual practices into their daily routine. They have placed their faith in Jesus for salvation and want to work on what it means to know Him better.</i>	<i>These studies are for believers whose devotion to Christ is growing deeper. They seek to increase their dependence on Christ and the Bible for daily guidance and they are eager to express their faith in tangible ways.</i>	<i>These studies are for people striving to be fully surrendered to Christ seeking God's guidance in every area of their lives. Their personal spiritual practices are second nature and Christ is their first love.</i>
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfamiliar with Christianity • Seek others to help them interpret spiritual issues • Typically seek God's guidance only in times of need • Not an active participant in church life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are discovering their faith • Still need help interpreting spiritual issues • Sometimes read the Bible or Christian books • Willing to participate in church life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to the Bible for daily direction • Prayer is central to their lives • Serve and give regularly in the church • Are eager for others to experience life with Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionately love God • Study scripture on their own • Prayer is constant conversing with God • Serving, giving and telling others about Jesus is a way of life • Think in terms of teaching and training others
Needs/Desires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break free from hurts, habits, & hang-ups • Explore Christian beliefs • Connect with others • Meet personal needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break free from hurts, habits, & hang-ups • Learn basic personal spiritual practices • Connect with others • Establish core beliefs and familiarity with the Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced personal spiritual practices • Serving opportunities • Explore leadership • Become biblically literate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide-range of serving opportunities • Leader of leaders • Mentoring opportunities
Spiritual Benchmarks	<p>RELATIONSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have placed their faith in Christ for salvation <p>KNOWLEDGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and believe salvation through Jesus. <p>CHARACTER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of sin • Desire holiness <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism • Regular church attendance 	<p>RELATIONSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striving to be with God through Bible reading and prayer <p>KNOWLEDGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know and understand core Christian beliefs • Are familiar with layout of the Bible and all major stories and characters <p>CHARACTER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiencing freedom from hurts, habits, hang-ups • Demonstrating some "fruit of the Spirit" <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving regularly • Give regularly 	<p>RELATIONSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing with God through Bible reading and prayer <p>KNOWLEDGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to discover and relate Biblical principles to life circumstances • Are familiar with layout of the Bible and all major stories and characters <p>CHARACTER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive to personal sin • Regularly demonstrate "fruit of the Spirit" <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve and give regularly • Talk with others about their faith 	<p>RELATIONSHIP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependent on God through Bible reading and prayer • Striving to live by the Spirit at all times <p>KNOWLEDGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to Biblically support and answer questions about their faith compared to other religious views. • Are familiar with layout of the Bible and all major stories and characters <p>CHARACTER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive to personal sin <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converse easily about most areas of their faith • Are leading/discipling/serving regularly