

# August 30 Discussion Questions

## “Discipleship Commitments”

### Preview

### Our Discipleship Pathway

***Our mission is to join God in His work of transforming people and communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.***

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”***

Matthew 28:18-20

### Our Pathway:

1. We gather worshipers to love God with all they are (first base).
2. We connect believers to grow toward maturity in Christ (second base).
3. We train followers to serve the church with their unique gifts (third base).
4. We send out workers to reach out with the love of Christ in Tampa Bay and in the world (home plate).



***“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”*** Colossians 1:28

### Connect

1. What was a high point and low point of your summer?
2. In what ways has this summer been different than previous summers for your family?

### Discuss

3. How has the uniqueness of 2020 affected your relationship with God? How has it affected your relationship to Oakwood?
4. For those who attended or watched the Sunday service, what stood out to you?

### Apply

5. Oakwood’s Discipleship Pathway highlights the essential steps in a believer’s progression toward maturity. It builds momentum as the transformational impact blossoms from ourselves, to the church, and into the community. It begins with **“Loving God.”** We want to gather worshippers to love God with all they are. Based on how the Holy Spirit is prompting you, are there any personal commitments or Oakwood commitments you’d like to make in regards to “loving God” more?

6. Second base is about **“Growing in Christ.”** We want to connect believers to grow toward spiritual maturity. Based on how the Holy Spirit is prompting you, are there any personal commitments or Oakwood commitments you’d like to make in regards to “growing in Christ?”
7. Third base is about **“Serving the Church.”** We train followers to serve the church with their unique gifts. Based on how the Holy Spirit is prompting you, are there any personal commitments or Oakwood commitments you’d like to make in regards to “serving the church?”
8. Lastly, home plate is about **“Reaching the World.”** We send out workers to reach out with the love of Christ in Tampa Bay and in the world. Based on how the Holy Spirit is prompting you, are there any personal commitments or Oakwood commitments you’d like to make in regards to “reaching the world?”

We want to encourage each community group to lovingly hold group members accountable to strive in the Spirit to fulfill these new commitments. If you are still praying and considering new ways to grow spiritually, take all the time you need, but plan to share your ideas with your group when you are ready.

### ***Pray***

**Personal Prayer Focus:** Pray for each person’s new commitments shared above. Ask God to fulfill these plans by giving us strength to be faithful and blessing to be fruitful.

**Ministry Prayer Focus:** Pray for Oakwood’s Children’s Ministry and Worship Ministry as we transition to two services next week.