

# Our Discipleship Pathway

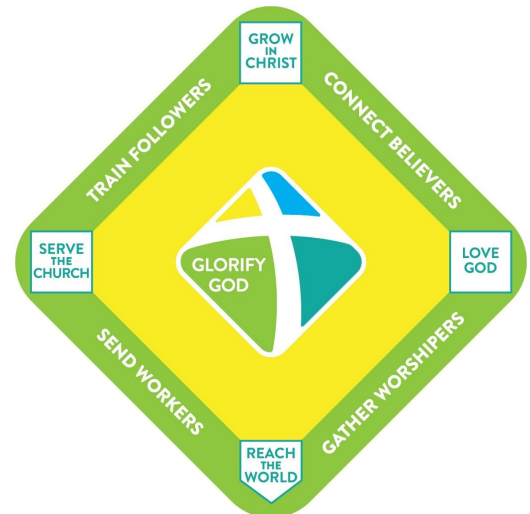
**Our Mission is to join God in His work of transforming people and communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



*"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. And we send out workers to reach out with the love of Christ in Tampa Bay and in the world (home plate).



Central to all of this is ***the Gospel of Jesus***, which gives us our message and the power to proclaim it – ***all for the glory of God alone.***

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

## **The Master Plan of Evangelism** - Robert Coleman

- "His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes but with men whom the multitudes would follow... He literally staked his whole ministry on them." 27,31
- "It will be slow, tedious, painful and probably unnoticed by men at first, but the end result will be glorious, even if we don't live to see it." 29
- "Following Jesus seemed easy enough at first, but that was because they had not followed him very far." 52
- "Those of us who are seeking to train people must be prepared to have them follow us, even as we follow Christ. We are the exhibit. They will do those things which they hear and see in us..."76
- "Christian disciples are sent men and women – sent out in the same work of world evangelism to which the Lord was sent and for which he gave his life. Evangelism is not an optional accessory to our life. It is the heartbeat of all that we are called to be and do." 88
- "Disciples must be brought to maturity. There can be no substitute for total victory, and our field is the world. We have not been called to hold the fort, but to storm the heights." 95
- "The criteria on which a church should measure its success is not how many new names are added to the roll nor how much the budget is increased, but rather how many Christians are actively winning souls and training them to win the multitudes." 103

# My Commitments as a Follower of Jesus

“An idea is just an idea until you write it down; then it becomes a goal.” Please use this handout to *begin* to develop a personal growth plan. Share your commitment with your Community Group and meet with one or two others from Oakwood to solidify your plan. Once you share a goal, it becomes a priority.

**First Base - Love God** - in gratitude for all God has done for me in Christ, I commit to the following regular practices of devotion to the Lord my God:

Personally	at Oakwood

**Second Base - Grow in Christ** - knowing the glorious perfection of God and painfully aware of my own sins and weaknesses, I commit to the following disciplines in pursuit of maturity in the Lord:

Personally	at Oakwood

**Third Base - Serve the Church** - to follow Jesus' example of humble, self-giving ministry, I commit to:

Personally	at Oakwood

**Home Plate - Reach the World** - to actively and lovingly share the Gospel of Jesus, I commit to:

Personally	at Oakwood