

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH RICHMOND
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WEEK #1: DISCIPLESHIP

GREAT BEGINNINGS

**NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION
ONLINE CLASS**





Welcome to the fellowship of First Baptist Church of South Richmond!

Here you will be able to complete four of your online classes online. Two of your classes are required onsite at Iron Bridge: 8:30AM Sundays, or 7:00PM Tuesdays or 9:30AM Sundays at Hull Street.



LESSON GOAL

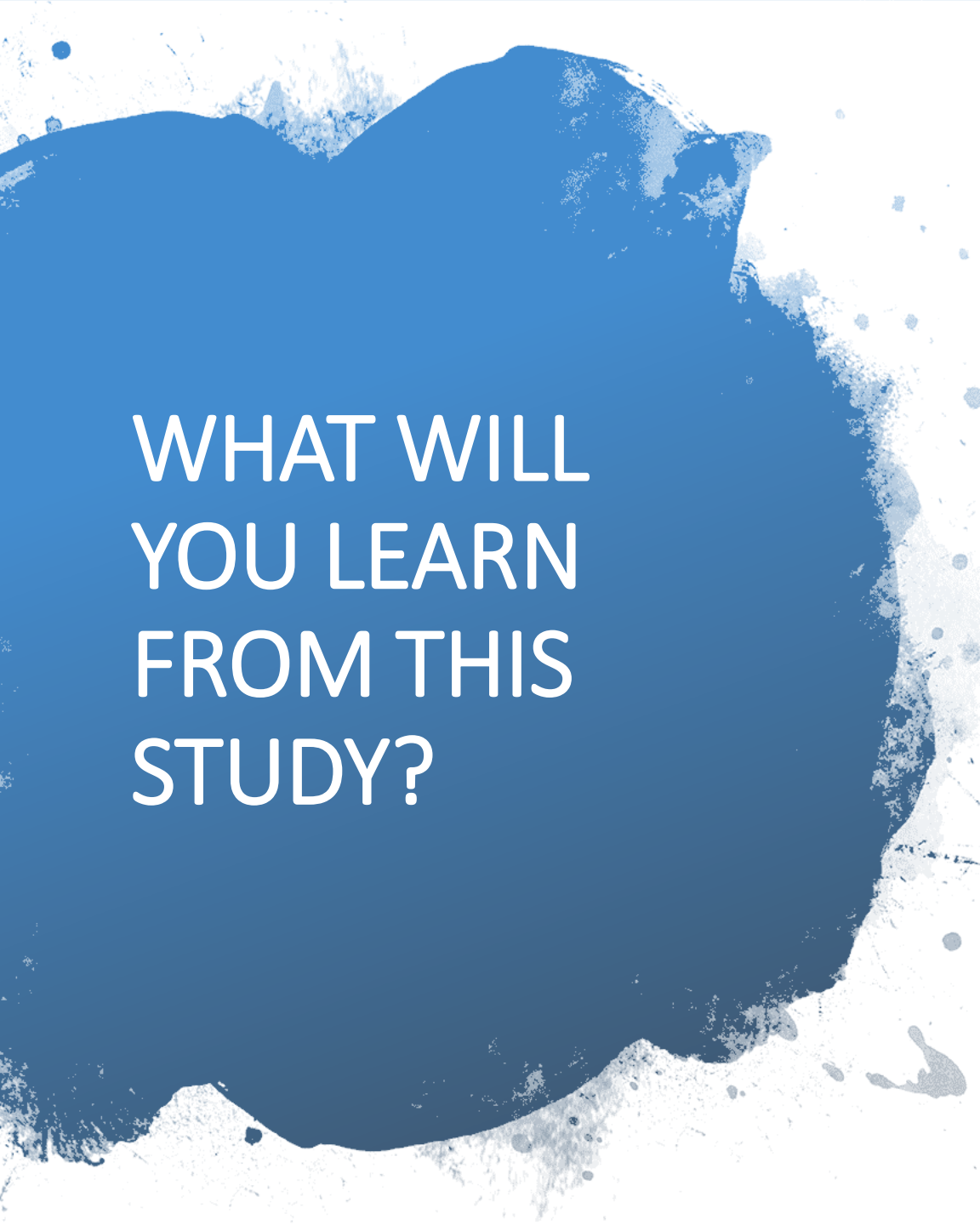
To help new members better understand the importance of spreading the gospel to others.



FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:19-20

- **Always begin your study with prayer**
- **Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth**



WHAT WILL
YOU LEARN
FROM THIS
STUDY?

- **Three Key Points on Discipleship:**
 - **1. Definition of a disciple**
 - **2. The Great Commission – It's a command**
 - **3. Growing in Christ-likeness**



INTRODUCTION

In the New Testament we find that discipleship was based on a call by Jesus. It involved personal allegiance to Him, expressed in following Him and giving Him an exclusive loyalty.

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In some cases it meant literal abandonment of home, business ties and possessions. However, in every case it is readiness to put the claims of Jesus first, whatever the cost, was demanded. Such an attitude gave the word ‘disciple’ a new sense. Faith in Jesus and allegiance to Him are what determine the fate of men at the last judgement [*Mark 10:30; Luke 12:8*].

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

A disciple of Christ is someone who seeks to follow the teachings of Jesus and the life He modeled for us through:

- A deepening knowledge of God and the Bible
- A growing personal relationship with God and others
- A life of faith that is evident to those around us

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

Discipleship is The life long process of growing in Christ-likeness as we seek to:

- Know God
- Love God
- Serve God

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?

Leadership is Discipleship Kicked up a notch. It is discipleship that has progressed to the point where the disciple is spiritually prepared and equipped to guide others along in the journey we know as the Christian life.

GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

- You must be Intentional About Planning for Transformation Making

Disciples requires that you be intentional about planning for transformation. There are people who have amassed a great deal of head knowledge, not a life change.

GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

- Be Intentional About Planning for Transformation

Attend bible study and learn as much as you can about the Word of God. But also learn how to translate information into transformation. This can only be accomplished thru the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide you into all truth.

GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

- Build Time For Reflection

Take time immediately after serving in a ministry event or project and ask yourself some thought provoking questions, such as:

- What went right today?
- How and where did you sense God working?
- Specifically, how did God use you?
- What impact does that have on your faith?
- What is your next step?

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- Build Time For Reflection

Be sure to spend some time in prayer, thanking God for what has happened and for allowing you to be part of the work of God's ministry. Taking the time to reflect will bring meaning to the tasks you are about; it will also have an impact on your spiritual growth. You will then start to make connections between your faith and your service to God.

GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

- Seek To Follow The Teachings of Christ

A disciple of Christ is someone who seeks to follow the teachings of Jesus and the life He modeled for us through a deepening knowledge of God.

GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP

- Seek To Follow The Teachings of Christ
 - We know God with our head but you need to grow a personal relationship with God and others
 - Love God with your heart
 - Show a life of faith that is evident to those around you
 - Serve God and others using your gifts

LIFE APPLICATION

**Develop a
personal
action plan to
implement
these acts of
faith to grow
your
discipleship**

CENTERING MOMENT

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Take a moment
right now to pray
and ask God to
show you ways to
become the light
of the world. Give
Him the Glory!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed your Discipleship New Beginnings Class. Please complete your survey and forward via email to Rev. Pat Austin, Director of Christian Education. You will receive a certificate of completion via email (example on the next slide.)

If you need further discussion of this study, or have questions, please contact Rev. Austin.

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