

Oh. *That Church.*
Part Three: Contributing to Growth
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1. The mission of a Bible-following church includes discipling (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - Make disciples (Mark 8:34-35)
 - Baptize
 - Instruct

2. Without ongoing discipling, spiritual growth is stunted.
 - Moral discernment and warfare (Ephesians 6:17)
 - Healthy doctrine (Titus 1:9; Acts 20:28-30)
 - Practical Christian living (1 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

3. Discipling happens together with other growing Christians
 - It was the practice of the early church (Acts 2:42)
 - It's the pattern taught in Scripture (Ephesians 4:11-12;
 - It's reinforced by the influence of others (Ephesians 4:12,16)

4. Discipling requires careful instruction in Scripture (Matthew 29:20; 1 Timothy 4:11,13; 2 Timothy 4:1-4)
 - What is the Bible?
 - Who is God?
 - What is the human condition?
 - How can we be saved?
 - What does God expect from those who are saved?
 - What is the Church?
 - What is God's plan for the future?

5. Without discipling, believers are poorly prepared to make disciples (1 Peter 3:15)

Goal: to create disciplined disciplers