



Discipleship for Women at Bear Creek Church

And Jesus came and said to them "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. 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. And, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Why do we disciple at Bear Creek Church? The pastors and elders of BCC support the Women's Council in making discipleship a primary focus of ministry to women. We believe that discipleship with one or more women, aligns with scripture and supports the work of the church body as a whole. We want to live our lives in obedience to the Lord's teachings and reproduce mature believers in Jesus Christ who will then go on to teach other women.

Who should be discipled? Every woman at Bear Creek Church!

Who should be a discipler? Scripture makes it clear in Titus 2 that the older, more spiritually mature women, should teach the younger women for the purpose of building up the body of Christ. Those that have been discipled will be encouraged to pursue additional training provided by BCC in Biblical theology and women's issues. The Women's Council, under the direction of the elders of BCC, will then consider if she is ready and able to disciple others.

What study book is used and what is involved? The book we are using is *Fundamentals of the Faith* by John MacArthur, Jr. which consists of 13 chapters. This workbook will take approximately 14 weeks on a weekly basis to complete, with homework, and around 1 to 1 1/2 hours per meeting. It is not hard to understand this book especially with the sermon that is available to enhance the study.

If I have been a Christian for a long time, do I still need to go through the training? Yes, you are encouraged to learn from the same book and perspective that the women of BCC are working and to be on the same page as everyone else in this ministry. There are many good discipleship training books, but this is one approved by the elders of BCC. Those that have been discipled will be encouraged to pursue additional training provided by BCC in Biblical theology and women's issues as extra tools for discipling.

How do I proceed if I want to be discipled? Marla Lance is our Discipleship Coordinator. You can contact her at 541-531-1192 or bormlance@charter.net. Being discipled and discipling someone else in the basic truths of our faith, is what we are called to do by Jesus himself. As if that weren't reason enough to obey, we also will be blessed in friendship and sharpen our understanding of scripture by going through this simple process of discipleship.

