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Relational Discipleship Workbook

Walking Through the Core Truths of the Christian Faith

Based on the Statement of Faith of Fellowship Bible Church Shenandoah

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Welcome to being a Discipler!

Welcome, and well done.

You're holding a guide that isn't just a workbook. It's an invitation. A tool. A stepping stone. It's the start of a journey where God will use you to shape the life of another person, not because you're perfect or have all the answers, but because you're willing.

If you've never discipled someone before, take a deep breath. You're in the right place.

This guide is designed with you in mind. You don't need to be a Bible scholar, a polished speaker, or a seasoned mentor. You just need to be faithful, present, and anchored in God's Word. If you love Jesus and want to help someone else grow in their faith, you already have what matters most.

You can do this, and we're here to help.

What This Guide Is

This workbook explores the foundational truths of the Christian faith, using Fellowship Bible Church Shenandoah's Statement of Faith as its backbone (the full statement of faith is included at the end as an appendix). Each module is centered on a key doctrine or theme, helping the disciple see the big picture of what we believe and why it matters for their everyday life.

More than a study tool, this guide is meant to help build a relationship around the Word, one that leads to transformation, trust, and maturity in Christ.

How to Use This Guide

Each module includes:

- **Objective:** A simple, clear goal for the session.
- **Conversation Guide:** A list of well-crafted, Scripture-driven questions. These aren't meant to be a script. They're conversation starters: ways to invite your disciple to discover God's truth for themselves.
- **Think About It:** Optional deeper questions for additional reflection.
- **Homework:** A simple assignment to reinforce the week's lesson.

Tips for First-Time Disciplers

- Pray before each meeting.
- Read through the entire module before meeting.

- Show up and be real.
- Let the Word do the heavy lifting.
- Stay flexible.
- Follow up between meetings.
- Enjoy it.

Final Thought

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” That command wasn’t just for pastors or professionals. It’s for every believer. That includes you. And with this guide in hand, you’ve got everything you need to take the next step.

So go. Walk with someone. Open the Bible. Ask good questions. Listen well. Share honestly. Pray faithfully.

You’re not doing this alone. The Spirit is with you. The Word is your foundation. And the church is cheering you on.

You can do this. Let’s go make disciples.

Module 1: The Bible

God's Word

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
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> *Above all, encourage your disciple to spend time in the Bible on their own throughout the week. Remind them that as they read and memorize Scripture, they are hearing from God and building a foundation that will support their faith for a lifetime!*

OBJECTIVE

Understand the foundational belief that the Bible is **God's inspired and error-free Word** and our **supreme authority** in all matters of faith and life. By the end of this session, the new disciple should **trust the Bible** as God's Word and be eager to **learn from and obey it** in daily life.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Use the questions below to guide an interactive discussion. You don't need to cover *all* the questions. Choose those most relevant for your disciple. Encourage the disciple to read each referenced Scripture and share their thoughts.

1. Where does the Bible come from?

Read **2 Timothy 3:16–17**.

- What does it mean that "All Scripture is breathed out by God"?
- How does this make the Bible uniquely authoritative compared to other writings?
- According to these verses, what is the Bible's purpose in our lives?

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2. How was the Bible written?

Read **2 Peter 1:20–21**.

- How were the human authors guided as they wrote Scripture?
- Why does it matter that Scripture originated from God and not simply from human ideas?
- How does knowing the Holy Spirit directed the authors affect your confidence in the Bible?

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3. Why can we trust the Bible as completely true?

The FBCS Statement of Faith states that the Bible is “without error” in its original manuscripts.

Read **John 17:17** and **Proverbs 30:5**

- What does Jesus affirm about God's Word in **John 17:17**?
- Why is it critical to trust that the Bible is without error (inerrant)?
- How should believing the Bible is entirely true affect your approach to difficult passages or controversial issues?

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4. What does it mean for the Bible to be our supreme authority?

> **REFER TO THE FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"The Bible is without error in the original manuscripts and is the only and final authority for faith and practice in all matters it addresses."*

Read **Acts 17:11**

- How did the Bereans respond to teachings they received?
- Practically, how should we use the Bible to guide our decisions and beliefs?
- If popular opinions or cultural norms differ from Scripture, how should the authority of the Bible influence our response?

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5. What promise does God give about His Word?

Read **Isaiah 40:8** and **Matthew 24:35**

- What do these passages promise about the permanence of God's Word?
- How does knowing God's Word will never change or fail encourage you personally?
- What practical difference does this enduring truth make in your daily life?

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THINK ABOUT IT

These prompts are great for deeper discussion or reflection between sessions.

- Why is it important to interpret the Bible according to its plain, intended meaning (the grammatical-historical approach)? How might misinterpreting Scripture lead to error?
- How does believing the Bible is complete (God's final written revelation) protect you from false teachings or claims of new revelations?
- How can you practically ensure the Bible remains your ultimate authority amid cultural messages, traditions, or personal feelings? Discuss specific ways to apply Scripture to daily decisions.

HOMEWORK

To reinforce this week's lesson, assign a simple task for the disciple to complete before your next meeting. These activities will help them cement their understanding of the Bible as God's Word:

- **Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16–17.** Try to recite it from memory next week and share one way these verses motivate you to value the Bible.
- **Read Psalm 19:7–11**
  - Read this passage carefully. Note the different descriptions of God's Word (law, testimony, precepts, etc.) and their effects (reviving the soul, making wise the simple).
  - Reflect: Which description impacts you most, and why?
  - Optional: Write a short prayer or journal entry expressing gratitude for how God's Word shapes your life.

Module 2: God

Who He Is

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER

Don't worry about "getting everything right." Your job isn't to answer every question but to walk alongside your disciple as you both grow in knowing God. If your disciple asks a tough question and you don't know how to answer, it's okay to say, "Let's look into that together for next time." Let your relationship with the Lord and your love for your disciple guide you.

OBJECTIVE

Discover who God is according to Scripture: eternal, unchanging, and triune (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). The goal is to cultivate **a deeper reverence for God's nature** and an awareness that knowing Him is the foundation of the Christian life.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

You don't need to answer every question. Select those that best fit your disciple's current level of understanding and spiritual hunger. Encourage open dialogue and exploration of Scripture together.

1. Who is God?

Read **Deuteronomy 6:4** and **Isaiah 45:5–6**

- What do these verses reveal about God's **uniqueness**?
- How would you explain the difference between **one God** and **many gods** (as some believe)?
- What does it mean for God to be "one"? Why is that essential to the Christian faith?

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2. God Is Three Persons

Read **Matthew 28:19** and **2 Corinthians 13:14**

- These verses mention the **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** together. How do they point to the idea that **God is triune**?
- Can you think of other passages where the three persons of the Godhead are at work together (e.g., Jesus' baptism in **Matthew 3:16–17**)?
- What would happen to our understanding of God if we emphasized only one person of the Trinity over the others?

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3. God Is Eternal and Unchanging

Read **Psalm 90:2**, **Malachi 3:6**, and **Hebrews 13:8**

- What does it mean that God is "from everlasting to everlasting"?
- How is God's **immutability (unchanging nature)** comforting in a world full of change?
- How does knowing that **God never changes** affect your trust in His promises?

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4. What Does God Do?

Read **Isaiah 40:28** and **Psalm 139:1–4**

- What do these passages say about God's **knowledge and power**?
- What kind of relationship does an all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present God desire with you?
- In what ways does this encourage or challenge how you think about prayer, obedience, or personal struggles?

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5. What is God Like?

Read **1 John 4:8**, **Exodus 34:6–7**, and **Romans 11:33**

- How do these verses describe God's **character**? (e.g., love, justice, mercy, wisdom, patience)
- Which of these attributes surprises, comforts, or amazes you most?
- How should our view of God shape the way we **relate to Him** and **imitate Him**?

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THINK ABOUT IT

These questions are meant to stretch and deepen understanding for those ready to go further:

- The doctrine of the **Trinity** can be hard to grasp. Why do you think God revealed Himself this way? What are some **dangers** of trying to simplify the Trinity with analogies (e.g., water, egg, sun)? Instead of explaining the Trinity, how might we better approach it with **reverence and faith**?
- Why do you think God **desires to be known**? (Consider **Jeremiah 9:23–24**.) What's the difference between knowing **about** God and actually **knowing** God? How can we grow in the second?
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all fully God and equally divine, yet distinct in person and roles. Can you see how this eternal relationship between the Persons of the Trinity might be a model for **community**, **love**, and **submission** among believers?

HOMEWORK

Encourage your disciple to engage with God directly through the Word and prayer throughout the week. Here are two simple assignments:

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Psalm 90:2**
> *"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."*

- Memorize this verse as a reminder of God's eternal nature and constancy.

2. **Read and Reflect:** Isaiah 40

- Read all of **Isaiah 40**. Choose **one verse** that stands out to you the most and write down why.
- Ask: *What does this passage show me about who God is?*
- Be prepared to share how this truth about God affected your thoughts or choices during the week.

Module 3: The Work of Christ (Part 1)

His Substitutionary Death

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER

You are helping your disciple understand the *very heart of the gospel.* Take time to ensure they know this truth personally and not just theologically. Watch for opportunities to connect this to their past, present, and future, and rejoice with them as they grasp the depth of Christ's love.

OBJECTIVE

To understand and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross as a **substitutionary sacrifice for sin**, and to embrace the truth that **salvation is fully accomplished by His shed blood** on behalf of sinners.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

These questions guide discovery and discussion through Scripture. You don't need to cover them all. Choose based on your disciple's needs, background, or hunger.

1. Why did Jesus have to die?

Read **Isaiah 53:4–6**

- What do these verses reveal about **who Jesus suffered for** and **why**?
- What does it mean that "the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all"?
- Why is this idea of **substitution** (one taking the place of another) central to understanding Christ's work?

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2. What did Jesus accomplish by His death?

Read **1 Peter 3:18** and **Romans 5:8–9**

- What does it mean that Jesus "suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous"?
- How does His **shed blood** change our standing before God?
- What kind of love does **Romans 5:8** describe, and what makes it so different from human love?

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3. Who is this salvation for?

Read **1 John 2:2** and **John 3:16–18**

- According to these verses, **who did Jesus die for**?
- How does this affect the way we think about who can be saved?
- What does **John 3:18** say about those who **do not believe**? Why is belief so central?

> **REFER TO THE FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of all humanity as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are declared righteous on the basis of His shed blood."*

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4. How does this impact me personally?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:14–15**

- How does understanding that **Christ died for you** change how you want to live your life?
- What does it look like to live as those who "no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised"?

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5. Can someone add anything to what Jesus did?

Read **Ephesians 2:8–9** and **Romans 3:24–26**

- What do these passages say about **how we are saved**?
- Why is it important to understand that we are saved **by grace through faith**, *not by works*?
- What kind of assurance comes from knowing salvation rests on **Christ's finished work**, not your own efforts?

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THINK ABOUT IT

These prompts are great for deeper discussion or reflection between sessions.

- Many people think being "good enough" earns God's favor. How would you lovingly explain the difference between **religion** (trying to earn favor) and **the gospel** (receiving grace)?

  Consider **Titus 3:5**: "he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy…"
- Christ died for all, but **not all are saved**. What is the only condition for salvation? (See **Acts 16:31**: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.")

  How does this truth affect how we share the gospel and interact with people who don't yet know Jesus?
- What emotions or thoughts do you feel when you really stop to think: *"Jesus died for me"*?

  How should this truth affect your relationships, values, or even your identity?

HOMEWORK

Encourage your disciple to dwell on the gospel this week, personally and practically.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **1 Peter 3:18**
> *"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God…"*

- Memorize this verse and consider what it cost Jesus to bring you to God.

2. **Read and Respond:** John 19:16–30

- Read the account of Jesus' crucifixion. Jot down what stands out to you.
- Reflect: What does this scene reveal about Jesus' love, His obedience, and His mission?
- Optional: Write a brief prayer or journal entry expressing your gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice.

Module 4: The Work of Christ (Part 2)

His Present Ministry

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
>
> One of the most encouraging truths we can give someone is this: *Jesus didn't just save you and leave you. He's still working for you.* Be alert to signs of guilt, shame, or distance in your disciple's heart, and use this session to lovingly affirm: *"You can come to Him. He wants you near. He is for you."*

OBJECTIVE

To recognize and rest in the truth that Jesus Christ is **alive and active right now**, ministering on our behalf as our **High Priest**, **Intercessor**, and **Advocate**. The disciple should come away with a renewed sense of confidence, closeness to God, and motivation to approach Him regularly in prayer and trust.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

As always, choose questions best suited for your disciple's level of understanding or life situation.

1. What happened after Jesus rose from the dead?

Read **Romans 1:4** and **Acts 1:9–11**

- What does it mean that Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God in power… by his resurrection"?
- After rising from the dead, what did Jesus do (see **Acts 1**)?
- Where is Jesus now?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
>
> *"We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us. Jesus now serves as High Priest, Intercessor, and Advocate on our behalf with the Father."*

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2. What does it mean that Jesus is our High Priest?

Read **Hebrews 7:23–25** and **Hebrews 4:14–16**

- What do these verses teach about Jesus as our High Priest?
- What makes His priesthood **superior** to human priests in the Old Testament?
- Why can we **draw near to God with confidence** because of Him?
- What does verse 15 say about Jesus understanding our weaknesses?

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3. How is Jesus our Intercessor and Advocate?

Read **1 John 2:1**, **Romans 8:34**, and **Hebrews 9:24**

- What is Jesus doing **right now** for believers in the presence of God?
- What does it mean that Jesus is our "advocate with the Father"?
- How do these truths encourage you when you feel weak, guilty, or discouraged?

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4. What difference does Christ's present ministry make in daily life?

Read **Hebrews 10:19–22**

- According to these verses, **how should we respond** to the fact that Jesus opened the way to God for us?
- What kind of confidence should we have in drawing near to God?
- Are there any doubts, fears, or lies that make it hard for you to come to God in prayer? How does Jesus answer those?

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THINK ABOUT IT

For deeper thought and personal exploration:

- Imagine Jesus, risen and glorified, standing before the Father **right now**, speaking your name. What does this image stir in your heart?

  (Consider **Revelation 1:12–18** if you want to reflect on the exalted Christ.)

- Sometimes we think of salvation as something that happened *once* when we believed, but Scripture reminds us that Jesus **continues** to minister for us. How does this ongoing ministry protect, comfort, and strengthen you?
- The FBCS Statement calls Jesus our "**Advocate**." What's the difference between an accuser and an advocate?

  Who does the Bible say is our accuser? (see **Revelation 12:10**)
  How does it change things to know that **Jesus (not your past, your sin, or the enemy) has the final word**?

HOMEWORK

Help your disciple reflect on and apply the truths of this session through focused engagement during the week.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Hebrews 4:16**
> *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

- Try to memorize and pray through this verse every day this week.

2. **Read and Respond:** John 17

- Read Jesus' high priestly prayer. In this chapter, Jesus prays for His disciples, and for all who would believe in Him.
- Write down: What do you learn about Jesus' heart for you from this prayer?
- Reflect: How does it feel to know **Jesus prays for you** even today?

Module 5: The Work of Christ (Part 3)

His Return and Reign

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER

Many believers rarely think about Christ's return, and yet the New Testament urges us to live every day in light of it. Use this session to lift your disciple's eyes to eternity. Remind them: *"This life is not all there is. The King is coming. Let's be ready and help others get ready too."*

OBJECTIVE

To understand and anticipate the **personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ**, who will reign in righteousness and peace. The disciple should leave with a renewed hope and a **clear vision of Christ's coming kingdom**, inspiring them to live faithfully and joyfully today.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

These questions help the disciple explore what Scripture says about Jesus' future return. Use the ones most appropriate for their level of familiarity and spiritual maturity.

1. What did Jesus promise about His return?

Read **Acts 1:9–11** and **Matthew 24:30**

- What did the angels say about Jesus' return after His ascension?
- According to **Matthew 24:30**, what will the return of the Son of Man look like?
- What does the fact that Jesus will return **"in the same way as you saw him go into heaven"** (bodily and visibly) mean for how we think about His coming?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We believe in Jesus Christ's personal, bodily return in the glory of His Father to set up on earth a kingdom in which He shall reign in righteousness and peace."*

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2. What will His kingdom be like?

Read **Isaiah 9:6–7** and **Isaiah 11:4–5**

- What words or qualities describe Christ's reign in these verses?
- What do you think it will feel like to live in a world where **righteousness and justice** perfectly rule?
- How does this future hope help you endure the brokenness, injustice, or chaos of the world right now?

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3. How should we live as we wait for His return?

Read **2 Peter 3:11–14** and **Titus 2:11–13**

- What kind of lives does Peter say we should lead as we wait for the "day of God"?
- What does Titus say about the return of Jesus being our "blessed hope"?
- How can we **stay spiritually awake and alert** while waiting for Christ to return?

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4. What should we be watching for?

Read **Revelation 20:4–6**

- What do these verses say about Jesus' reign and the resurrection of believers?
- What encouragement can you draw from knowing that **those who trust in Jesus will live and reign with Him**?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

Here are some deeper reflections for those eager to go further:

- People often either obsess over or ignore prophecy and end times. Why do you think God gives us these glimpses into the future?

  What is the **right response** to the return of Christ: fear, speculation, preparation, or something else?
- Imagine Christ returning **today**. How would that change how you think about your time, choices, or priorities?
- Revelation speaks of Christ reigning for 1,000 years (**Rev 20:4–6**) and later of a **new heavens and new earth** (**Rev 21**). How does this **future vision of restored creation** reshape your understanding of what "eternity" means?

HOMEWORK

This week's focus is on fueling joyful anticipation and readiness for Christ's return.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Titus 2:13**
> *"…waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ…"*

- Memorize this verse and think about it each morning. Are you watching for Him?

2. **Read and Respond:** Revelation 21:1–8

- Read this vision of the **new heavens and new earth**.
- Write down: What excites you most about this description?
- Reflect: What would you say to someone who fears the end of the world? How would you explain the *hope* we have in Jesus' return?

Module 6: Man

Created, Fallen, and In Need of Redemption

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
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> This is a key turning point in discipleship: helping someone understand both their **need for grace** and the **power available in Christ** to live differently. Gently expose the reality of sin, but always lead them back to hope, assurance, and God's sufficiency. Sin is not the end of the story. Redemption is.

OBJECTIVE

To understand that man was created in the **image of God** with value and purpose, but through sin became **separated from God**, resulting in both physical and spiritual death. Disciples should also learn that while believers still **struggle with sin**, God provides all we need to live a life pleasing to Him.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Use these questions to lead thoughtful reflection and scriptural discovery. Choose based on where your disciple is in their spiritual journey. Some may need more focus on identity and dignity, others on the nature of sin or the power for spiritual growth.

1. What makes human beings unique and valuable?

Read **Genesis 1:26–27** and **Psalm 8:3–5**

- What does it mean that mankind is made "in the image of God"?
- How does this truth give dignity and value to every human life?
- How should the truth of being God's image-bearers shape the way we view ourselves and others?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
>
> *"We believe that the first man and woman were created in the image of God, and thus, man has great value in God's sight."*

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2. What happened to mankind through sin?

Read **Genesis 2:16–17; 3:6** and **Romans 5:12**

- What was God's original command to Adam and Eve?
- What were the consequences of their disobedience?
- According to **Romans 5:12**, how did Adam's sin affect all humanity?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"But man sinned and consequently experienced not only physical death but also spiritual death (which is separation from God). The consequences of this sin affect the entire human race."*

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3. How does sin still affect us today?

Read **Ephesians 2:1–3** and **Mark 7:20–23**

- How do these passages describe our condition before coming to Christ?
- What does Jesus say is the source of sin: our actions or our hearts?
- How does understanding our sinful nature help us see our need for God's mercy and grace?

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4. What about after becoming a believer? Do we still struggle with sin?

Read **Galatians 5:16–17** and **Romans 7:18–25**

- What kind of conflict is described in these verses?
- Does it surprise or encourage you to know that even Paul described a battle with sin?
- What's the difference between **condemnation** and **conviction** in the life of a believer?

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5. How can believers experience victory over sin?

Read **2 Peter 1:3**, **Romans 6:11–14**, and **Philippians 2:12–13**

- According to **2 Peter 1:3**, what has God given us to live a godly life?
- What does it mean to consider yourself "dead to sin and alive to God"?
- How do these passages show the balance between **God's provision** and our **responsibility** in the Christian life?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"God has made full provision for believers to resist this flesh and to live for God through identification with Christ, a knowledge of the Bible, and the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit."*

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THINK ABOUT IT

- Many people today believe that humans are basically good. How would you explain the Bible's teaching that we are valuable, but **deeply flawed** and in need of rescue? Why is this view more honest and hopeful?
- When you sin, what thoughts or emotions are most common: shame, fear, self-hatred, denial?

  How might the truth that you are already **forgiven, accepted, and secure in Christ** help reshape your response?

- God promises not just to forgive our sins, but to **transform us**. What do you think spiritual growth looks like over time? Is there an area where you've seen growth, or want to?

HOMEWORK

Help your disciple reflect on these core truths about humanity and redemption with these simple exercises.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Romans 6:11**
> *"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

- Memorize this verse and ask God to help you believe and live it this week.

2. **Read and Respond:** Psalm 51

- Read David's prayer of repentance after his sin with Bathsheba.
- Write down: What does David understand about sin, and about God?
- Reflect: What would it look like for you to pray with the same honesty and confidence in God's mercy?

Module 7: Satan

The Deceiver and Defeated Foe

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
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> Spiritual warfare can be intimidating, especially for new believers. Your job is to keep their eyes fixed on Christ, not the enemy. Gently but clearly affirm that **they are not powerless**, and that **Jesus has already won the decisive victory**. Help them walk with discernment, not fear, and with humble courage in the truth of the gospel.

OBJECTIVE

To understand who Satan is, how he operates, and what his ultimate fate is. The disciple will learn to **recognize spiritual deception**, resist the enemy by standing in God's truth, and trust in **Christ's victorious authority**.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

These questions are meant to build understanding and confidence, not fear. Emphasize that while Satan is real, **he is not equal to God** and **cannot overcome those who belong to Christ**.

1. Who is Satan and where did he come from?

Read **Isaiah 14:12–15** and **Genesis 3:1–5**

- How do these passages describe Satan's pride and rebellion?
- What was his role in the fall of mankind in the garden?
- What does this teach us about the **power of lies and deception**?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
>
> *"We believe that Satan is a created, angelic, personal being, the author of sin who provoked the fall of man… He is the great adversary of God's person, program, and people…"*

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2. How does Satan operate in the world today?

Read **John 8:44**, **2 Corinthians 4:3–4**, and **1 Peter 5:8**

- What titles or characteristics are used to describe Satan in these verses?
- How does he work to deceive and oppose God's truth?
- What is the danger of ignoring or underestimating his tactics?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"Satan, as the father of lies, continues to operate in the world by deceiving mankind… sowing discord among believers, promoting falsehood, and blinding the minds of the unbelieving."*

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3. What are Satan's limitations?

Read **Job 1:6–12** and **Luke 22:31–32**

- What do these passages show us about Satan's access and activity?
- What can he not do without God's permission?
- How do these truths give you comfort when facing temptation or spiritual struggle?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"Although his power is substantial, it is limited by God's sovereign control, and he operates within the bounds of God's ultimate plan for redemption."*

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4. How do we resist the enemy?

Read **Ephesians 6:11–13**, **James 4:7**, and **1 John 4:4**

- What does Paul say we need to "stand against the schemes of the devil"?
- What promise is given in **James 4:7** to those who submit to God?
- How does **1 John 4:4** remind us of our confidence in spiritual battles?

NOTES

5. What is Satan's future?

Read **Revelation 20:10**

- What is the final destiny of Satan?
- Why is it important to remember that **Satan is already a defeated enemy**?
- How does this truth change how we approach life, trials, and temptations?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- In what ways do you think Satan tries to **divide and discourage believers**? Have you ever seen this in your own life or the church?
- Some people deny Satan's existence or think of him in fictional or comical terms. Why is it dangerous to dismiss him or become fascinated with him?
- In **John 8:44**, Jesus says that Satan is the **father of lies**. What lies are most common in your life that you now recognize as from the enemy? (e.g., "God doesn't love me," "I'll never change," "God can't use me," etc.) How can you replace those lies with truth?

HOMEWORK

This week's assignment is designed to deepen your disciple's awareness of spiritual warfare while equipping them with truth and hope.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **James 4:7**
> *"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

- Reflect daily: What does it look like to **submit to God** and **resist the devil** in your current season of life?

2. **Read and Respond:** Ephesians 6:10–18

- Read Paul's full description of the **armor of God**.
- Write down: Which piece of armor do you feel most confident in? Which one do you need to grow in?
- Be ready to share how this passage helped you feel better prepared to stand firm in the truth.

Module 8: Salvation

By Grace, Through Faith, Forever

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
>
> This session may be one of the most freeing and clarifying for your disciple. Watch carefully for signs of fear, uncertainty, or legalism. Don't assume they fully understand grace. Keep returning to the clarity of the gospel. Remind them: *"If it's eternal life, it can't be lost. If it's grace, it can't be earned. And if it's Christ's work, it is enough."*

OBJECTIVE

To understand that **eternal salvation is received by faith alone in Jesus Christ**, apart from works, as a **gracious gift** from God. The disciple should grow in **assurance of salvation**, confidence in the finished work of Christ, and joy in the unshakable security offered to all who believe.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Select the questions that most appropriately match the disciple's understanding or needs. These conversations are foundational. Don't rush.

1. What is the only condition for salvation?

Read **John 3:16–18** and **Acts 16:30–31**

- According to these passages, what must someone do to receive eternal life?
- What does the word "believe" mean in this context? (trust, rely on, place confidence in, not just mental agreement)
- Why is it important that belief (not performance) is the condition for salvation?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
>
> *"The sole condition for receiving eternal salvation from hell is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died a substitutionary death on the cross for man's sin, rose from the dead victorious, and promises to give eternal life to all who believe in Him."*

NOTES

2. Can good works earn or secure salvation?

Read **Ephesians 2:8–9**, **Titus 3:5**, and **Romans 4:5**

- How do these passages emphasize the **gift-nature** of salvation?
- Why is it important that salvation is **not based on works**?
- What kinds of confusion or burdens result when people try to earn their salvation?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"No act of obedience, preceding or following faith… may be added to, or considered as a part of, faith as a condition for receiving or keeping eternal salvation."*

NOTES

3. How secure is the believer's salvation?

Read **John 6:35–40** and **John 10:27–30**

- What promises does Jesus make to those who come to Him and believe in Him?
- How does He describe the permanence of that relationship?
- What reasons do these verses give for **confidence and assurance**?

NOTES

4. What happens the moment someone believes in Jesus?

Read **Romans 3:24–26** and **Ephesians 1:13–14**

- What does it mean to be “justified”?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in salvation according to **Ephesians 1**?
- How does this help you understand that salvation is not just a future hope, but a **present reality** for believers?

NOTES

5. What if someone sins after being saved?

Read **1 John 1:9** and **Romans 8:1**

- Are we still saved even when we sin? What does the Bible say?
- What is the difference between **losing fellowship** with God and **losing relationship**?
- What does it look like to confess and be restored in daily fellowship without fear of condemnation?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- Why is it so freeing to know that eternal life is **not maintained by our performance** but **secured by Christ’s finished work**?
- If someone believes salvation can be lost, how might that affect their view of God? Of themselves? Of the gospel?
- How would you explain the **difference between grace and religion** to someone who believes they must “be good enough” to get to heaven?

HOMEWORK

These exercises are designed to deepen understanding and solidify joyful assurance.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Ephesians 2:8–9**
> *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

- Memorize this verse and consider what it means each day to live as someone who has received a gift, not earned a wage.

2. **Read and Respond:** Luke 15:11–32 **(The Prodigal Son)**

- Read Jesus' parable of the lost son.
- Write down: What does this story teach us about the heart of God toward sinners?
- Reflect: Are there parts of your life where you've tried to "earn" God's love or approval instead of resting in His grace?

Module 9: The Christian Life

Growing in Grace and Truth

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
> This is where many disciples either get stuck or set free. Your role is to help them understand that spiritual growth is a **process**, empowered by the Spirit, grounded in truth, and motivated by love, not legalism. Celebrate signs of growth. Be honest about struggle. Keep pointing them back to Christ.

OBJECTIVE

To understand that the Christian life is about walking in **ongoing fellowship with God**, not earning salvation, but living out our new identity **"in Christ."** The disciple should grow in their understanding of how transformation happens and learn to identify and reject lies that hinder growth.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This module touches on several truths: identity in Christ, renewing the mind, motivations for obedience, and the consequences of sin for fellowship, not salvation.

1. What changed when you trusted in Christ?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17** and **Romans 8:1**

- What does it mean to be "in Christ"?
- According to these verses, what is now true of you that wasn't before?
- How should this identity shape the way you view yourself and your struggles?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We believe that Christians have been transformed from being 'in Adam' and condemned – to being children of God 'in Christ.'"*

NOTES

2. What is the goal of the Christian life?

Read **Colossians 2:6–7** and **2 Peter 3:18**

- What do these verses say about how we grow?
- How is the Christian life not about *trying harder* but about being **rooted in Christ** and growing in **grace and knowledge**?

NOTES

3. Why do Christians still struggle with sin?

Read **1 Peter 2:11** and **Galatians 5:24–25**

- What battle is described in these verses?
- How does knowing this is a **common experience** for believers bring encouragement?
- Why is it essential to live by the Spirit, not by our own strength?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We believe that all believers struggle with the flesh in this life but that God has made full provision… through identification with Christ, a knowledge of the Bible, and the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit."*

NOTES

4. How do we grow and change?

Read **Romans 12:2** and **Ephesians 4:22–24**

- What does it mean to be “transformed by the renewal of your mind”?
- Why is replacing lies with truth key to spiritual transformation?
- Are there any common lies you’ve believed that Scripture has corrected?

NOTES

5. What motivates godly living?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:10**, **John 15:11**, and **1 John 4:18**

- Why shouldn’t fear of hell be our motivation for obedience?
- According to these verses, what motivations are more fitting for a child of God?
- What’s the difference between obeying out of **fear** and obeying out of **love, joy, and gratitude**?

NOTES

6. How does sin affect a believer’s fellowship with God?

Read **1 John 1:5–7**, **Hebrews 12:5–11**, and **Psalm 51:12**

- Sin can never undo the salvation Christ secured by His finished work, but it can affect our fellowship with Him. According to **1 John 1:7**, what does it mean to “walk in the light”?
- What does it cause us to lose (fellowship, joy, peace, fruitfulness)?
- How does God discipline us, not to punish, but to restore?
- What does confession look like, and how does it bring restoration?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- What are some **truths about God** or **about yourself** that you need to regularly remind yourself of in order to walk in faith?
- Can you think of a time when you **believed a lie** (about God, yourself, or life), and later saw how the truth set you free?
- What would it look like to live more from a place of joy and gratitude than from guilt or fear?

HOMEWORK

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Galatians 5:16**
> *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."*

- Memorize this verse and think each day about what it means to walk by the Spirit.

2. **Read and Respond:** John 15:1–11

- Read Jesus' teaching on abiding in the Vine.
- Write down: What does it mean to "abide" in Christ?
- Reflect: How can you stay connected to Jesus throughout the week in practical ways?

Module 10: The Church

The Body and Bride of Christ

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER

Many Christians today carry wounds from the church or confusion about its role. Gently lead your disciple to see the **beauty and centrality of the Church** in God's plan. Help them find their place not only as a recipient of ministry, but as a **contributor to the body of Christ**. Belonging, serving, and growing in community is God's design, not an optional add-on.

OBJECTIVE

To understand that the Church is the **body and bride of Christ**, composed of all believers (universal church) and lived out in local gatherings. The disciple should see the local church as essential to spiritual growth and embrace their role in the **life, worship, and mission** of the church.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Choose the questions that best engage your disciple with the idea of *belonging, participating, and contributing* to Christ's Church.

1. What is the Church, and who is in it?

Read **Ephesians 1:22–23** and **1 Corinthians 12:12–13**

- According to these passages, what is the Church called?
- How does the image of a "body" help you understand the nature of the Church?
- Who is included in this body, and how do we enter it?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"The universal Church is the true body and bride of Christ, consisting of all believers from the day of Pentecost until the Church is caught up to heaven."*

NOTES

2. Why does the local church matter?

Read **Hebrews 10:24–25** and **Acts 2:42–47**

- What do these verses teach about the **purpose and rhythm** of gathering together?
- Why is **regular fellowship** essential for spiritual growth?
- What do we lose when we neglect church, and what do we gain by committing to it?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"The local gathered church should be a priority of every believer, where the Christian life can be lived out, embodying the spiritual truths of the universal church."*

NOTES

3. What does the Church do when it gathers?

Read **Colossians 3:16**, **1 Corinthians 11:23–26**, and **Ephesians 4:11–13**

- According to these passages, what are some key activities of the gathered church?
- Why are teaching, worship, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and equipping so essential?
- What role does each believer play in helping the church grow?

NOTES

4. Who leads the church and how?

Read **1 Peter 5:1–4** and **1 Timothy 3:1–7**

- What do these verses teach about the character and responsibility of church leaders?
- What kind of leadership is modeled here: controlling or shepherding?
- How should members respond to godly leadership?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"The spiritual oversight of each local church is given to a multiplicity of leaders known as elders… according to standards expressed by the New Testament."*

NOTES

5. How does the church practice accountability and restoration?

Read **Matthew 18:15–17** and **Galatians 6:1–2**

- Why is church discipline important, and what is its purpose?
- How can accountability and correction be **loving** and **restorative** rather than harsh or judgmental?
- Why is it important that the church be a place of both **truth and grace**?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- How has your view of "church" changed from what you thought earlier in life?
- Many people today view church as optional, personal, or just one of many spiritual activities. What do you think Scripture says in contrast?
- What gifts or passions has God given you that could be used to build up the church? (See also **1 Corinthians 12**.)

HOMEWORK

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Hebrews 10:24–25**
> *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together… but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

- Reflect daily: How can I contribute to stirring up and encouraging others in my church?

2. **Read and Respond:** 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

- Read Paul's analogy of the church as a body.
- Write down: Which part of the body do you relate to and why?
- Reflect: How would you answer this question: "What would it look like for me to be more fully engaged in the life of my church?"

Module 11: Marriage and Sexuality

God's Design and Redemption

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
>
> Be especially gentle and prayerful during this session. Many disciples carry shame, confusion, or past wounds related to this area. Your job is to faithfully teach God's design, patiently help the disciple walk in truth, and always point to the **cleansing, restoring grace of Christ**. As with all things, truth and love go hand in hand.

OBJECTIVE

To understand and affirm that God designed **marriage as a covenant between one man and one woman**, and that **sexual intimacy belongs within that covenant alone**. The disciple should also recognize the **beauty of God's design**, the seriousness of sexual sin, and the **redeeming grace available to all through Jesus Christ**.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This topic is sensitive and often deeply personal. Listen carefully and walk with grace and clarity. Not all questions need to be addressed at once. Use wisdom and discernment.

1. What is God's design for marriage?

Read **Genesis 2:24** and **Matthew 19:4–6**

- How does Scripture describe the creation and intent of marriage?
- What does it mean for marriage to be a covenant, not just a contract?
- How does this design reflect unity, companionship, and exclusivity?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
>
> *"We believe marriage is a sacred covenant ordained by God, uniting one man and one woman as described in Scripture. This covenant reflects the relationship between Christ and His Church and is to be held in honor."*

NOTES

2. What does God say about sexual intimacy?

Read **Hebrews 13:4** and **1 Corinthians 6:18–20**

- Why is sexual intimacy reserved for marriage?
- What does it mean that our bodies are not our own, but were bought with a price?
- How should that truth shape our view of sexuality?

NOTES

3. What does Scripture say about sexual sin?

Read **Galatians 5:19–21** and **Romans 1:26–27**

- What kinds of sexual behavior are described as outside God's will?
- Why do you think God gives us boundaries regarding sexuality?
- What is the difference between struggling with sin and **celebrating or embracing sin**?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"All sexual relations outside of this union [marriage], including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and other forms of sexual immorality opposed to God's design, are sinful."*

NOTES

4. What does God offer to those with sexual sin in their past?

Read **1 Corinthians 6:9–11**

- Paul lists several sinful lifestyles, but what does verse 11 say about those who came to Christ?
- What three things does God do for the repentant sinner? (washed, sanctified, justified)
- What hope does this give to someone burdened by past sexual sin?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We believe in the power of God's grace to redeem and restore all who place their faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of their past sexual behavior."*

NOTES

5. What does Scripture say about singleness?

Read **1 Corinthians 7:32–35**

- What does Paul say are the unique blessings of singleness?
- Why is singleness not "less than" marriage in God's eyes?
- How can we honor both callings (marriage and singleness) in the church?

> **FBCS STATEMENT OF FAITH**
> *"We affirm the value and significance of singleness as a special gift from God… a high calling and a valuable state of life in the kingdom of God."*

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- What are some of the biggest lies culture tells us about sex, marriage, or identity? How does the Bible respond to those lies?
- How can we speak the truth about God's design **without becoming harsh or judgmental** toward others?

- Why is it important that we ground our sexual ethics not in desire, experience, or culture, but in **God's Word and God's heart**?

HOMEWORK

This week, the focus is on reflecting deeply and personally on God's design and grace.

1. **Memory Verse**

> **Hebrews 13:4**
> *"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."*

- Meditate on what it means to honor marriage in your life, whether married, single, or dating.

2. **Read and Respond:** John 8:1–11

- Read the story of the woman caught in adultery.
- Write down: How does Jesus show both truth and grace in this encounter?
- Reflect: How can we follow His example in how we speak about and live out these issues?

Module 12: Standing Firm

Review, Reflect, and Respond

> **ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DISCIPLER**
>
> You've helped build a strong foundation in your disciple. Rejoice! Now lovingly urge them not to stop here. Growth continues. The call to follow Christ and make disciples is lifelong. Affirm how far they've come, and encourage them to take one more step of **faithful, intentional obedience**, for their joy and for God's glory.

OBJECTIVE

To reflect on the foundational truths explored in this discipleship journey, clarify areas of strength or confusion, and commit to **ongoing growth**, participation in the church, and intentional investment in others. This session also prepares the disciple to one day **disciple someone else**.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This session is best approached as a dialogue, reviewing what has been learned and where the Lord is leading the disciple next. You might revisit memory verses, earlier notes, or highlights from past discussions.

1. Looking Back: What Have You Learned?

- Which module or truth from this discipleship journey impacted you the most, and why?
- What is one thing you understand now that you didn't before?
- Has your view of God, Scripture, salvation, or the church changed or grown? If so, how?

Consider reviewing each module title briefly:

- The Bible: God's Word
- God: Who He Is
- The Work of Christ (Part 1): His Substitutionary Death
- The Work of Christ (Part 2): His Present Ministry
- The Work of Christ (Part 3): His Return and Reign
- Man: Created, Fallen, and In Need of Redemption
- Satan: The Deceiver and Defeated Foe
- Salvation: By Grace, Through Faith, Forever
- The Christian Life: Growing in Grace and Truth
- The Church: The Body and Bride of Christ
- Marriage and Sexuality: God's Design and Redemption

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2. Where Are You Now?

Read **Philippians 3:12–14**

- Paul says he hasn't arrived, but he presses on. What does that mean for us?
- Where do you feel encouraged in your walk with Jesus right now?
- Where do you still have questions, struggles, or doubts? What's one area you want to grow in?

NOTES

3. **Where Are You Going?**

Read **2 Timothy 2:2**

- This verse calls us not only to receive the truth, but to **pass it on**. Do you feel more confident now to help someone else grow in their faith?
- What are some ways you might begin investing in others, formally or informally?
- Who is one person you might pray about discipling in the future?

NOTES

4. **How Will You Stay Rooted?**

Read **Colossians 2:6–7**

- What habits or relationships are helping you stay rooted in Christ?
- Are you involved in the life of your local church? If not, what steps could you take to go deeper?
- What are some spiritual rhythms you'd like to begin or strengthen?

NOTES

5. **What Has God Called You to Do with What You've Learned?**

Read **James 1:22–25**

- Why is it not enough to just learn the Word; we must live it?
- How do you want to respond to this season of discipleship?
- What is your next step of obedience?

NOTES

THINK ABOUT IT

- How would you explain the gospel to someone else in a simple and clear way?
- Which truth from the past twelve weeks do you most want to **share** with others?
- What are your greatest hopes and prayers for the kind of follower of Jesus you're becoming?

HOMEWORK

1. Write Your Testimony

- In your own words, write a one-page testimony of your faith in Christ. Include:
  - What you believed before
  - How you came to understand the gospel
  - What God is teaching you now
  - How you want to keep growing
- Be ready to share it in a future opportunity!

2. Read and Reflect: Matthew 28:18–20 (The Great Commission)

- Jesus doesn't just call us to be disciples. He calls us to **make disciples**.
- What does it mean for you to obey this command in your life stage, relationships, and church?
- Ask the Lord to show you someone you can invest in. Then talk with your discipler or elder about how to get started.

Appendix: Full FBCS Statement of Faith

Doctrinal Statement of Faith

(a) THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible consists of the Old and New Testaments; every word is God's verbally inspired Word. The Bible is without error in the original manuscripts and is the only and final authority for faith and practice in all matters it addresses. As God's only written revelation to mankind, the Bible is complete, and God will preserve its message and authority until the end of time. The Bible is to be interpreted normally and literally regarding its contents. (2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21; Matthew 5:18; Isaiah 40:8; Ps 119:89; Is. 40:8; Matt 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25; 1 Timothy 5:18)

(b) GOD

1. We believe in one eternal and immutable God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 6:27; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:3,4; Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 28:19; Isaiah 48:16; Matthew 3:16–17; Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6; Psalm 90:2)
2. We believe Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, God the Son in human flesh. He is totally without sin, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, and is both fully God and man. (John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14; Hebrews 4:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25; John 10:30; John 11:33; John 8:40; Hebrews 1:8, 2:14)
3. We believe the Holy Spirit is a Person possessing all divine attributes. He is God. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He regenerates, seals, and sets apart the believer to a holy life. At regeneration, He immerses the believer into the body of Christ, indwells him permanently, and bestows spiritual gifts on each one for the common good of the church. He also fills each one yielded to Him. (John 16:8; I Corinthians 2:10–11; Isaiah 40:13–14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13; Titus 3:5; I Corinthians 12:11, 13; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 5:18; John 14:16–17)

(c) THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE WORK OF CHRIST

1. We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of all humanity as a substitutionary sacrifice and that all who believe in Him are declared righteous on the basis of His shed blood. (2 Corinthians 5:14; Mark 10:45; Romans 5:8–9; 1 John 2:2; Romans 3:24–26; 1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 9:12; Isaiah 53; John 3:16; Acts 13:38–39)
2. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Christ, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us. Jesus now serves as High Priest, Intercessor, and Advocate on our behalf with the Father. (Romans 1:4; Luke 24:39; Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9–11; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:27; 1 Timothy 2:5)
3. We believe in Jesus Christ's personal, bodily return in the glory of His Father to set up on earth a kingdom in which He shall reign in righteousness and peace. (Acts 1:11; Matthew 24:30; Revelation 20:4–6; Isaiah 9:6–7; Isaiah 11:4–5)

(d) MAN

1. We believe that the first man and woman were created in the image of God, and thus, man has great value in God's sight. But man sinned and consequently experienced not only physical death but also spiritual death (which is separation from God). The consequences of this sin affect the entire human race. All human beings descended from Adam and are born separated from God and with a sinful nature. (Genesis 1:26–27, 2:17, 3:6; Romans 5:12–19; Ephesians 2:1–3; Mark 7:20–23)
2. We believe that all believers struggle with the flesh in this life but that God has made full provision for believers to resist this flesh and to live for God through identification with Christ, a knowledge of the Bible, and the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:16–17; Ephesians 4:22–23; Romans 6–8; 2 Peter 1:3; Philippians 2:12–13; Acts 20:32; Psalm 119:11)
3. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all men. Believers are resurrected to enjoy eternal life with God. Unbelievers are resurrected to experience judgment, eternal torment, and separation from God. (I Corinthians 15:52; I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 20:4–6, 12-15; John 5:28–29; Daniel 12:2; Revelation 21:1–8)

(e) SATAN

1. We believe that Satan is a created, angelic, personal being, the author of sin who provoked the fall of man. We believe that he is the great adversary of God's person, program, and people but is a defeated foe who is destined to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. (Isaiah 14:12–15; Matthew 4:1–11; 2 Corinthians 4:3–4; I Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10; Genesis 3:1–5; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14)
2. We believe that Satan, as the father of lies, continues to operate in the world by deceiving mankind, seeking to thwart God's purposes through division, destruction, and distortion of truth. He actively opposes the work of God by sowing discord among believers, promoting falsehood, and blinding the minds of the unbelieving. Although his power is substantial, it is limited by God's sovereign control, and he operates within the bounds of God's ultimate plan for redemption. As the great deceiver, he seeks to lead astray the nations and tempt individuals to rebel against God, yet he cannot overcome the truth and victory found in Jesus Christ. (John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:11–12; 1 Timothy 4:1; Revelation 12:9)

(f) SALVATION

1. The sole condition for receiving eternal salvation from hell is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who died a substitutionary death on the cross for man's sin, rose from the dead victorious, and promises to give eternal life to all who believe in Him. (John 3:16–18; 6:47; Acts 16:31).
2. Since we are saved by grace through faith, no act of obedience, preceding or following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, may be added to, or considered as a part of, faith as a condition for receiving or keeping eternal salvation. This saving transaction between God and the sinner is the giving and receiving of a gracious gift (Rom 4:5; Gal 2:16; Titus 3:5; John 4:10; Eph 2:8–9; Rev 22:17).
3. We believe that any person who has believed in Jesus Christ has received eternal life, which, as the word eternal suggests, can never be lost. Every child of God possesses this eternal (or

everlasting) life and, being regenerated, justified, and sealed by the Holy Spirit, is safe and secure for all eternity. The believer can be sure of this since Jesus Christ guarantees it, and His finished work has secured it. (John 3:36, 6:35–40; 11:25–27).

(g) THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. We believe that Christians have been transformed from being "in Adam" and condemned - to being children of God "in Christ." As His children, we are called to grow in our relationship with Christ and walk in faith, which is essential for experiencing fellowship with the Father (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:1; Colossians 2:6–7; Hebrews 11:6, 2 Peter 3:18).
2. We believe that the struggles of the Christian life stem from believing lies instead of truth. Christians should strive to grow in faith, know God more fully, and embrace the truth in scripture by renewing their minds and abandoning old ways of thinking (Romans 1:25; John 8:31–32; John 17:3; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22–24, Colossians 2:8, Philippians 4:8).
3. We believe that godly living is motivated by love, gratitude for grace, joy in fellowship with God, reverence for God's discipline, a desire to please Him, and an anticipation of the Judgment Seat of Christ. Fear of hell should not motivate obedience, as God's perfect love casts out fear (2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 12:5–11; 1 John 4:18; 2 Peter 1:4; Psalm 16:11; John 15:11).
4. Sin can lead to a believer losing fellowship, joy, testimony, and rewards. God's children may also face discipline, which can be severe, even to physical death, to bring the believer to repentance and restore fellowship (1 Corinthians 3:11–15, Isaiah 59:2; Hebrews 12:6–11; 1 Corinthians 11:30–32; Romans 2:4; 1 John 1:9).
5. Obedience is crucial and made possible by the resources God has given, especially the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit transforms believers as they grow in faith, grace, and knowledge of Christ, leading to spiritual maturity. Confession and repentance maintain fellowship with God. Christians should strive for perseverance, remaining steadfast to avoid falling doctrinally or morally (2 Peter 1:3; Galatians 5:22–25, Romans 6:22; 1 John 1:9; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Hebrews 12:1–2; 1 Corinthians 10:12, 15:10, 2 Peter 3:17,18).

(h) THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. The universal Church is the true body and bride of Christ, consisting of all believers from the day of Pentecost until the Church is caught up to heaven. We also believe that the local gathered church should be a priority of every believer, where the Christian life can be lived out, embodying the spiritual truths of the universal church. (Eph 1:22–23, 1 Cor 12:12–13, Eph 5:25–27, Heb 10:24–25, Acts 2:42, 1 Cor 1:2, 1 Tim 3:15)
2. The Word of God commands believers to gather together in local congregations to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of the Bible, observance of the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the edification of the body, and an active witness to the unsaved world. A local expression of the church is found wherever Christians meet regularly in obedience to these commands. (Heb 10:24–25, Acts 2:46–47, Col 3:16, 2 Tim 3:16–17, Math 28:19, 1 Cor 11:23–26, Eph 4:11–13, Acts 1:8)

3. We believe that the spiritual oversight of each local church is given to a multiplicity of leaders known as elders. Elders are selected according to standards expressed by the New Testament. (Acts 14:23, 20:28; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Titus 1:5–9; I Peter 5:1–4)
4. We believe Christ ordained the observance of water baptism and the Lord's Supper until He returns. Baptism is an outward testimony of a person's belief in Christ and should be administered upon confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's death, the elements being symbols of His body and blood. Participation in this Communion should be accompanied by solemn self-examination as a celebration and remembrance of the work of Jesus. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:4–6; Acts 1:5, 8:12 11:15–16; I Corinthians 11:24–29, 28, Luke 22:19–20)
5. Church discipline should be a vital part of church life with the goal of restoring fellowship with the body and God. Steps of church discipline may include confrontation by one or more people, by church leadership, and, finally, if the person refuses all efforts to bring repentance, exclusion of the individual from gathering with the local body of believers. The church seeks to forgive, comfort, and restore a repentant believer. (Math 18:15–17, Gal 6:1, 1 Tim 5:19–20, 1 Cor 5:1–13, 2 Thess 3:14–15, 2 Cor 2:5–8)

(i) MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

1. We believe marriage is a sacred covenant ordained by God, uniting one man and one woman as described in Scripture. This covenant reflects the relationship between Christ and His Church and is to be held in honor. Marriage is the only appropriate context for sexual intimacy, intended for both procreation and pleasure. (Genesis 1:27–28; Ephesians 5:31–32; Hebrews 13:4)
2. God created humanity as male and female in His image and ordained marriage between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6)
3. Marriage is designed to be a lifelong, exclusive union that fosters companionship, mutual support, and God’s ideal context for raising children, ultimately pointing to the relationship between Christ and His Bride, the Church. (Genesis 1:27–28; Ephesians 5:22–33)
4. Sexual activity is a gift from God to be enjoyed solely within the bounds of marriage. All sexual relations outside of this union, including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, and other forms of sexual immorality opposed to God’s design, are sinful. (1 Corinthians 6:18–20; Romans 1:26–27; Galatians 5:19–21)
5. We believe in the power of God's grace to redeem and restore all who place their faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of their past sexual behavior. (1 Corinthians 6:9–11)
6. We affirm the value and significance of singleness as a special gift from God. The single life provides unique opportunities for undivided devotion to the Lord and His work. Singleness, like marriage, is a high calling and a valuable state of life in the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 7:32–35)