

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT

Initial Trust • John 4:29

Is able to trust or has a positive association with Jesus Christ, the Church, a Christian believer, or something identifiably Christian.

Spiritual Curiosity • Luke 19:2-4

Is intrigued by or desires to know more about Jesus, His life, and His teachings or some aspect of the Christian faith.

Spiritual Openness • John 9:36

Has acknowledged to himself/herself and to God that he/she is open to the possibility of personal and spiritual change.

Spiritual Seeking • Jeremiah 29:13; Acts 17:27

Is moving from being essentially passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling him/her.

Is engaged in an urgent spiritual quest, seeking to know whether he/she can commit to Christ and His Church.

Disciple

Has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and makes a conscious decision & commitment to follow Jesus Christ in the midst of His Church and to re-order one's life accordingly.

Budding Disciple • Acts 2:37-38; CCC 1427; CCC 1

- Has a favourable change of attitude towards Jesus Christ and the Church He established.
- Has unfavourable attitude towards sin and turns away from sin.
- Has made a verbal public profession of commitment to Jesus Christ.
- Desires to grow spiritually.
- Has received the sacraments of initiation or the sacrament of reconciliation if already a Catholic.

Growing Disciple • James 1:19-25; CCC 1694

- Has developed a heart for God that motivates his/her attitudes and actions.
- Is willing to make any sacrifices to grow, even change his/her schedule.
- Is committed to chastity, sobriety, and excellence in their state of life.
- Is consistent in continually growing in the basic habits of the Christian life: scripture, sacraments, builds character through the virtues, accepts suffering, practices the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
- Is open to the Holy Spirit.

Missionary Disciple • Matthew 28:18-20; CCC 905

- Has decided to answer the call to take an active part in the mission of the Church.
- Is actively striving to win people over to Jesus and His mission, to equip them and to send them out to do the same. (John 15:8)
- Has regular personal prayer life and participates in sacramental life of the Church.
- Fulfills vocational commitments.
- Leads a life of evangelisation and discipleship; in the parish community, school and workplace etc.

Disciple Maker • 1 Thessalonians 2:8; CCC 1816; Timothy 2:2; CCC 3

- Has led someone to commit his/her life to Jesus Christ and His mission.
- Is helping that someone to evangelise and make disciples through friendship and mentoring.
- Has developed a heart for God's people and is willing to make any sacrifice to help others grow, including changing his/her schedule. (1 Thessalonian 5:11)
- Is making life decisions (vocations, location, relationships, etc.) based upon how he/she can most effectively fulfill the Great Commission.
- Has been the major influence in helping others become disciple makers (has produced a strong third generation).

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Personal Reflection:

1) Where would you place yourself currently on this spectrum of Disciple Development?

2) Why have you placed yourself there?

3) Where do you feel God is calling you to be? Why?

4) What is the next step you need to take to grow towards where He is calling you?
