

"Moving from being a Fan of Jesus to being a Follower of Jesus."

"Building Character"

"Optimizing Calling"

The DNA

Jesus did not train His disciples **indefinitely**... He trained them **deliberately**.

Jesus trained His disciples to discover, develop, and live out their unique **life mission**, which is an extension of His mission to redeem the world back to God.

After Jesus trained them, He <u>transformed</u> them and <u>empowered</u> them through the work of His Spirit. The outcomes of Followers Made are the <u>same</u> outcomes of the Holy Spirit's transformation in our lives.

Followers Made is a six-month, outcome-focused small group mentoring experience.

- "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me."
 Luke 9:23
- "He must become greater and greater, I must become less and less."

 John 3:30

The Outcomes

- 1. Becoming more like Jesus in **Character**.
 - "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against these! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."

- Galatians 5: 22-25

- 2. Discovering, developing, and beginning to live out our unique **Calling**.
 - "God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."

- 1 Corinthians 12: 6-7

• "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

- Ephesians 2:10





Key ways to develop Character

Calling impacts the world around you for Christ.

"Unleash the Impact of Making Disciples"

The Method

Character is developed as you learn to hear and obey God's promptings through daily bible **reading** and **journaling**.

Character is developed in the context of relational <u>accountability</u> that encourages us toward desired outcomes.

Character is developed in the <u>tension</u> of living with God's unconditional love and God's command to be holy. That tension will develop through the weekly readings.

Calling is <u>discovered</u> as you learn about the different spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and personality traits God has given you throughout your life.

Calling is **developed** by volunteering in a ministry that uses your spiritual gifts & fits your passion.

Calling is **empowered** by God's Spirit as our character grows.

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