



Description of an Open Door Discipler

A disciple for the Open Door is a loving, committed, Christian volunteer who serves as a spiritual guide on this new journey the Open Door client has started. The goal in mind is that the discipler gains the trust of the individual in time and serves as a positive outside source to help overcome all of the spiritual strongholds that keep them in bondage to unhealthy patterns.

Process of becoming a Discipler:

- Review and agree with the statement of faith provided in this packet.
- Review and determine if you are compatible with responsibilities found within this discipler packet.
- Become matched and schedule your introduction meeting with disciple.

Responsibilities to disciple and Friends of Sinners:

- Commit to a one year mentoring role while praying and hoping for it to become life-long.
- Meet once a week for a minimum of one hour with your disciple. Meeting times vary and can change throughout the year. A program schedule can be provided to best suit both you and the disciple. Staff is available for assistance on any questions necessary regarding this matter.
- Honor all commitments made to your disciple providing a strong example of Christ's people.
- Be a positive role model by demonstrating positive and edifying behavior. Refrain from pushing any doctrinal or denominational beliefs.
- Always find ways to encourage your disciple being sensitive to hurts, habits and hang-ups.
- Incorporate accountability into time spent each week in any area you discern as a weakness.
- Willingness to provide the Open Door staff with any information that is potentially dangerous to both their selves and/or the ministry (confessed drinking and drugging, confessed desire to harm oneself or others).
- Document each meeting on progress and discussion leaving out any private details that would jeopardize the trust you have formed.

Things Disciplers are not:

- Not a Therapist
- Not an attorney
- Not an enabler
- *Not a sponsor



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Relationship **Truth** Accountability

- Not a banker Never belittles
- Never bashes the ministry
- Accepts Staff decisions once final: no push back

Materials used:

- Experiencing God
- Holy Bible
- Progress report
- Any material you see necessary that would be useful in your discipleship that has been approved by staff.

Qualifications:

- If in recovery from drugs and alcohol you must have 3 years clean.
- Be at least 21 years of age and of the same sex as the client.
- Demonstrates faith in Jesus Christ and willing to sign statement of faith.
- Be willing to offer personal references that have known you for a year or longer. Also, approve of your pastor providing us with his insight on your walk.
- Currently connected with a local church as a member or regular involvement in its ministry.

Disqualifiers for Discipleship:

- Have been involved in a violent or sexual crime.
- Participate in homosexuality or currently living in an adulteress relationship.
- Cannot use illegal drugs, profane language, or promote any secular material for assistance in discipling.

***The difference between a recovery sponsor and disciple is that a sponsor is in recovery from drugs and alcohol. The sponsor is more recovery focused and is a guide for the 12 steps as well as counsel on life experiences.**

