

- What is the best way to teach a young Christian how to live the Christian life and how to grow and mature in the faith?
- Find a Christian who has learned what it takes to grow in the faith – to take that new convert under his wings, and \_\_\_\_\_ him!
- This is the key to our church's future, and we call it discipleship. Why is it the key to our church's future?

First, because discipleship is God's way of passing our \_\_\_\_\_ along

Second, because discipleship is God's way of \_\_\_\_\_ new Christians

- Just like you have a physical birthday, you should have a \_\_\_\_\_\_ birthday when Christ saved you, and His Spirit came to live within you.
- You don't begin your Christian life fully mature, but rather as a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:1
- "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning

craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Ephesians 4:14-15

- It is absolutely crucial that new Christians begin after they are saved. How does a new Christian grow?
- "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2
- A baby can't feed himself. So mature Christians take baby Christians and disciple them.
- What is the goal of discipleship? The new believer becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ mature Christian who has learned to depend on Christ in every area of life.
- As the discipleship process takes place, we keep emphasizing to those young believers that everything they \_\_\_\_\_\_ is found in Christ.
- Once the new convert understands this, true growth and \_\_\_\_\_\_ begins to happen.