

DISCIPLESHIP



- Discipleship is the key to our church's future. Why?

First, because discipleship is God's way of _____ our faith along

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

Third, because discipleship is God's way of distributing the _____ of the ministry

- The "*work of the ministry*" is a term referring to all things that must be done and should be done by a local church.
- "*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*"
Ephesians 4:11-12
- "*From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*" **Ephesians 4:16**
- The picture here is of a body working together, with every person exercising his or her gifts. It's a total _____ effort.

- In many churches, the pastor is expected to do it _____. When that happens, two things most likely occur:
 - ⇒ The pastor _____ out!
 - ⇒ The people _____ out!
- As pastors, our job is to train and equip you to use your _____ to serve the Lord through the local church.
- You have a _____! There is something God wants you to do.
- You cannot be like _____ if you aren't serving.

- What kind of difference could be made if Christians sought not only to be disciples, but to encourage other Christians to be disciples?
- If this would happen, God's work would be distributed throughout the _____ body.