

A Theology of Christian Discipleship

Goals for Our United Methodist Church

I. We hope to balance . . .

- A. The Great Commandment "You shall love the Lord your God . . ."
Mark 12:29-31
- B. The Great Commission "Go and make Disciples of all nations . . ."
Matthew 28:17-19

II. Bring Persons to a personal commitment to Christ.

- A. Religious Experience -- The story of Nicodemus *John 3:1-16*
- B. Caring Fellowship -- The story of Zacchaeus *Luke 19:1-10*
- C. Christian Education -- The story of the Ethiopian *Acts 8:26-39*
- D. Worship -- The story of the call of Isaiah *Isaiah 6:1-6*

III. Call persons to a decision for Christ

Acts 2:38 *And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."*

IV. Challenge persons to Grow in Discipleship

Acts 2:42-47 Expectations for Disciples in the early church.

- A. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship . . ."
- B. "To the breaking of bread and the prayers . . ."
- C. "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need . . ."
- D. "And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

V. Four Expectations of Church membership *so you can grow in your faith.*

- A. Each member will be involved in some type of fellowship or study group to help them grow in their faith.
- B. Each member will attend worship every week.
- C. Each member will give back to God in a proportional manner of their time, talents, and resources working toward at least a 10% tithe.
- D. Each member will be inviting others to attend worship

VI. Membership Covenant . . .

As a member of Our United Methodist Church, I dedicate myself to growing in Christian faith, love and commitment.

Name _____ Date _____