

Ten Habits of Discipleship

“The person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others... it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn.”

(Pope Paul VI, *Evangelization in the Modern World*, 24)

	DISCIPLE	MISSIONARY DISCIPLE
Relationship	Grows in a personal relationship with Jesus	Helps others develop a personal relationship with Jesus
Prayer	Prays every day	Teaches others how to pray
Commitment	Follows Jesus and the teachings of the Church	Guides others in following Jesus and the teachings of the Church
Worship	Worships the Lord in the Mass and receives the sacraments in faith	Invites others to Mass and to a deeper sacramental life
Study	Reads Sacred Scripture and other Christian writings	Introduces others to Sacred Scripture and other Christian writings
Openness	Listens and responds to where the Holy Spirit is calling	Helps others to be open to the Holy Spirit and where they are being called
Participation	Engages in the life of the community	Walks with others intentionally and helps them to discern where the Lord is calling them to participate
Service	Serves sacrificially in imitation of Jesus	Inspires others to serve sacrificially in imitation of Jesus
Stewardship	Gives generously to others	Helps others to become generous stewards of the gifts they have received
Evangelization	Shares the Gospel through word, witness, and works of mercy	Provides support and formation for others in how to share the Good News



“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church, or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients”

(Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 120).

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Where am I in my journey as missionary disciple?
- Which habit do I most need to grow in?
- Who is supporting my growth as a missionary disciple?

PARISH REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- How many of our parishioners are living as missionary disciples?
- In our parish, what can we do to make the mission of making disciples more explicit?
 - What do we need to STOP doing to form disciples?
 - What do we need to KEEP doing (but perhaps improve) to form disciples?
 - What do we need to START doing to form disciples?
- How will we know if we are successful in making disciples?