

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries

Discussion questions for the sermon "Discipleship: the Path to Spiritual Maturity" on 4/10/2011

1. Have you ever been disciplined by someone, and/or have you ever disciplined someone? Share your experience. How did that experience impact you?

2. Read the Great Commission from Matthew 28:18-20 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What does Jesus command us to do in this passage, and what exactly is involved? Hints:
(i) Look for the main verb and participles. (ii) The word *go* is actually a participle.

 - b. Whose responsibility is it to carry out the Great Commission and why?

 - c. Are you carrying out the Great Commission? If your answer is yes, share what you are doing to carry out the Great Commission. If your answer is no, share what has been difficult for you in trying to carry out the Great Commission.

3. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-6 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What does Paul ask Timothy to do in verses 1-2? Do you think this is the same as discipleship in Matthew 28:18-20? Explain your answer.

 - b. What illustrations did Paul use in verses 3-6? What is his point in using these illustrations? What do these illustrations tell us about discipleship and spiritual growth?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. What does the Bible instruct us to do? How do we do that?

5. Read James 1:22; 2:14, 17. What does the Bible say about faith that results in no obedience to God? Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.

6. Read 2 Peter 1:5-11 and answer the following questions:

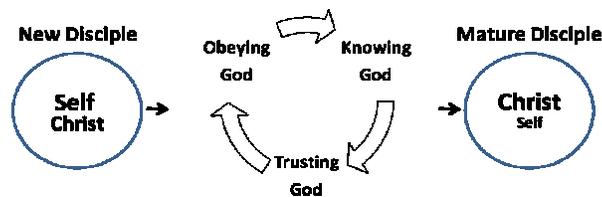
a. Do you think you are being effective in your faith? Explain your answer.

b. Have you ever doubted your salvation? Explain your answer.

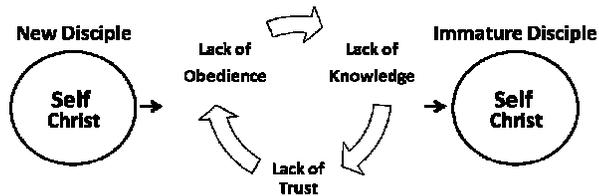
c. What does this passage say about how we can be effective in our faith and be certain of our salvation? How do we do that?

7. To help us examine our faith, Pastor Jeff mentioned three paths (see the figures below) in the sermon. Which paths are you on and why? Which path would you like to be on and why? What are you willing to do to be on the right path?

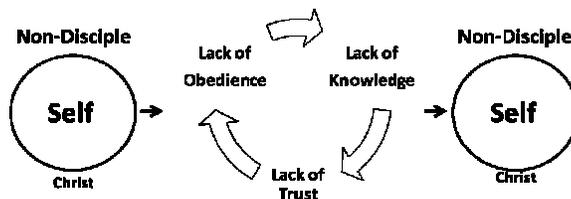
The Path to Spiritual Maturity



The Path to Spiritual Immaturity



The Path to Fake Spirituality



8. Close this time of discussion with prayer. Pray that we will each take responsibility for our spiritual growth. Pray that our faith will not remain ineffective, but will result in obedience to God and life transformation.