

Illinois Baptist Women (Priority) Women's Disciple Making Check-up

The purpose of ministry to women is to ensure that we are developing disciples who go and make disciples.

"Come, follow Me", Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men". Mathew 4:19

Women's Ministry/Missions Leaders develop, and foster lives focused on making disciples in their everyday and structure women's ministries that encourage and equip women to make disciples in their everyday.

The following questions will help a women's ministry/missions ***leader*** take an honest look at how their women's ministry is making disciples. This is a tool to help evaluate what the women's ministry does well and what might need to change in order to obey Jesus' Great Commission and fulfill our part in making disciples among women. Evaluate the strategy of your ministry, not pockets of activity that might be occurring, but it wasn't an intentional effort.

Follow Me:

1. Is your women's ministry praying for women who do not have a relationship with Christ by name?
2. How is your women's ministry building relationships with women who do not have a relationship with Christ?
3. How many women have come to faith in Christ through your church's women's ministry in the last year?

I Will Make You:

1. Disciple-making groups may take many forms, including Sunday School, Bible studies, small groups, home groups, etc. The goal is to have groups meeting weekly for the purpose of helping individuals experience life change through the teaching of Scripture.
 - a. How many disciple-making groups does your women's ministry have?
 - i. Open groups, any woman can walk in and join at any time.
 - ii. Closed groups: Intentional replication planned so the group consists of a smaller number of women.
 - b. How many women in your church are involved in disciple-making groups?
 - c. How many new disciple-making groups started in the last year?
 - d. Is the curriculum used in these groups focused on equipping women with Scripture and teaching them to disciple another woman?
2. What indicators of spiritual maturity do you observe among the women in your church?
 - a. Women in your church developing in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, personal Bible reading/devotions, fasting, worship, evangelism, and others.

- b. Women are praying for one another to grow as disciples.
- c. What evidence do you see within your congregation that disciples are growing in their love for God resulting in a love for others?
- d. In what way/s do you see the fruit of the Spirit expressed by the women in your church?
- e. What stories can you share demonstrating the above?

Fishers of Men:

- 1. Is your women's ministry praying for people to be sent out to reach those who don't know Christ (missionaries)?
- 2. Is your church engaging unreached and/or unengaged people groups and how is your women's ministry part of this?
- 3. Making disciples in local communities opens doors for engaging people from around the world with the gospel. Opened doors lead to new relationships that can engage people in other nations with the gospel.
 - a. Which language and ethnic group/s has your church identified for engagement?
 - i. Local Engagement
 - ii. State Engagement
 - iii. National Engagement
 - iv. Global
 - v. What stories can you share demonstrating the above?