



2021-2022

What is the goal?

To help Christ-followers at Coral Hill evaluate their personal commitment to the task of disciple-making, which by definition includes:

- Becoming more like Jesus as His disciple
- Sharing the Gospel intentionally with others
- Investing in the discipleship process of others
- Being accountable to other Christ-followers in our local church
- Loving one another as a faithful member of the Lord's church at Coral Hill

In addition, this initiative will serve as a practical guide towards greater faithfulness in the task of disciple-making.

Why disciple-making?

Being a disciple of Jesus always involves making other disciples. In fact, Jesus himself said that making disciples is what proves we are His disciples. *"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." John 15:8 ESV*

Who should be disciple-makers?

Every follower of Jesus is commanded to make disciples. *"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20 ESV*

Our [dmi] students will evaluate their growth as a disciple over the next year by asking four primary questions:

1. Am I faithfully **gathering with our local church to worship God through singing, praying and hearing His Word preached?**
2. Am I consistently **connecting in a small group?**
3. Am I intentionally **investing in the discipleship process of another person?**
4. Am I currently in the process of **reading God's Word (in its entirety) for myself?**

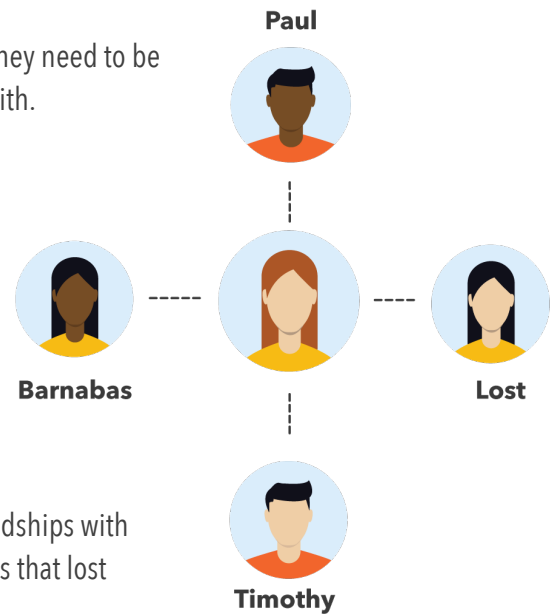
Our [dmi] students will learn that healthy disciples seek to have four active relationships in their life:

Paul: Every follower of Jesus, regardless of age, needs a Paul in their life. They need to be poured into, given wisdom and direction from someone seasoned in the faith.

Timothy: Every follower of Jesus, regardless of age, needs a Timothy in their life. We must intentionally identify people we can disciple one on one.

Barnabas: Every follower of Jesus, regardless of age, needs a Barnabas in their life. We need people that are sources of accountability for us, people who will ask the tough questions in love.

Lost People: Every follower of Jesus, regardless of age, needs to have friendships with lost people in their life. An essential part of the expansion of the kingdom is that lost people hear the good news of Jesus.



The above model is adapted from Chuck Lawless: Dean of doctoral studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Are there any pre-requisites to being part of [dmi] ?

- Must have fully identified with CHBC as a local body of believers through church membership*
- Must be in high school (9th-12th grade)

***Interested middle school students (7th-8th grade) will have the opportunity to be part of the [dmi] process by being partnered with a high school [dmi] student for the purpose of being invested in. (as a Timothy)*

- Must submit a written personal testimony of an authentic salvation experience.
- Each student leader establishes their commitment through signing a covenant each school year that lasts from August until the end of July.

* Students who currently are members of other congregations can qualify for the team. See Youth Pastor for more details

How do I join [dmi]?

1. Students must apply online at coralhillbaptist.com/dmi. The application season will last from June 1st - July 1st. *Please be aware that the application itself is quite involved. You will need to give yourself adequate time to complete the application so that you don't miss the deadline.*
2. Starting July 2nd the student ministry mentors will take the applications and begin to conduct one on one interviews. These interviews are meant to serve as a 'get to know you session' more than anything. We want to see what your passions are and to hear your motivations for being on the team. We want to make sure you understand the expectations and that you're ready to commit to them for the duration of the school year (August-July).
3. All students who have previously served on the [dmi] team will have their interview conducted by the Youth Pastor along with another mentor. The Youth Pastor works with the [dmi] team more than any other mentor so by conducting their interviews, it will allow for a more thorough reflection of the previous year's commitment.
4. Following the interview, the mentor body will make a decision regarding each application. There will be a formal gathering on August 8th to sign covenants and begin the commitment together. You will be notified by mail of the decision regarding your application.

What are the expectations?

This year we are streamlining the [dmi] commitment to four main commitments:

1. Commit to God's Word.
2. Commit to sharing the Gospel.
3. Commit to Disciple-Making.
4. Commit to your local church.

Below you will find details that will outline what each commitment will involve...

1. Commit to God's Word.

- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to God's Word by choosing one of three reading plan options during their own daily personal devotion time. Each of these plans are meant to last the duration of their [dmi] commitment
 - The entirety of the Old Testament
 - The entirety of the New Testament

- The entirety of God's Word
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to God's Word by memorizing scripture with their mentor (Paul). Mentors will submit monthly reports to the youth pastor listing passages that the mentor assigns for memorization.
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to God's Word by continuing to deepen their understanding through reading one of the following books below at some point throughout the [dmi] commitment year. Once a student has completed this task, they will be expected to write a one page reflection to turn in to the youth pastor.
 - The Gospel - By Ray Ortlund
 - Missions - By Andy Johnson
 - Biblical Theology - By Nick Roark & Robert Cline
 - Conversion - By Michael Lawrence
 - Evangelism - By J.Mack Stiles
 - Prayer - By John Onwuchekwa
 - Disciples - By Mark Dever
 - Church Membership - By Jonathan Leeman
 - Sound Doctrine - By Bobby Jamieson
 - Church Discipline - By Jonathan Leeman
 - Cooperate Worship - Matt Merker

2. Commit to sharing the Gospel.

- **Locally:** Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to sharing the Gospel by develop a running list of at least three lost people whom you can serve and share with in hopes of leading them to faith and helping to baptize. Individuals on this list could include friends, family, acquaintances, co-workers.
- **Globally:** Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to sharing the Gospel by partnering with Great Commission works inside and/or outside the United States. Some of those partnerships could include:
 - Partner with a sponsored North American Mission Board project. (USA)
 - Partner with an endorsed Coral Hill Baptist mission partnership (Brazil, Mexico, etc)
 - Partner with another Biblically-sound and Gospel-centered sending organization

3. Commit to Disciple Making.

- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to disciple-making by having an accountability relationship with a mentor (Paul) of the student ministry, a CHBC staff member, deacon/elder of Coral Hill or active member of the congregation.

- This relationship will include: Meeting once a month, face to face, for accountability. Submit a monthly schedule of activities and commitments to their mentor for the sake of accountability and time management.
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to disciple-making by using Coral Hill's "Disciple Making" booklet to partner with a "Timothy" [a believer in the ministry and outside of the ministry for the purpose of studying God's Word together] Options include:
 - Fall Semester: Work through a book of the Bible with a believer in the student ministry
 - Spring Semester: Work through a book of the Bible with a believer outside the student ministry

4. Commit to your local church.

- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to their local church by participating in weekly Sunday morning worship. Students are expected to be in weekly worship unless providentially hindered.
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to their local church by taking an active role in their small group. Students will be expected to be part of and engage in their small group every week unless providentially hindered.
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to their local church by taking an active role in Wednesday Night Worship. Students will be expected to see Wednesday night worship as a means to minister and invest in others rather than a time of personal fulfillment. Students will be expected to be there weekly unless providentially hindered.
- Our [dmi] students will exercise their commitment to their local church by investing and serving in a ministry at Coral Hill outside of the Student Ministry.

Final Thoughts:

Our student ministry and church takes disciple-making and commitments seriously. For students applying for [dmi] we ask that you understand and agree to the following before you apply:

- This commitment must be something God is calling you to invest in. Since this commitment is for a year (August-July) students must understand that their mentor (Paul) will be a source of accountability for them and will meet with them monthly to help them develop spiritually as well as fulfill each area of the [dmi] commitment.
- This commitment must be a high priority in the daily lives of [dmi] students. Students need to evaluate their schedules and ask the question, "Can I realistically keep this commitment with my current schedule?" If the answer is no, then students need to either adjust their schedule or choose not to apply for [dmi] this year. *Disciple-making isn't a program or an activity. It's obeying the words of Jesus. It's the most important part of our day.*

