

| Category | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
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| Attitudes | | | |
| A desire to know God | Phil 3:10 | Jer 9:23-24 | Hos 6:3 |
| A desire to glorify God | John 15:8 | 1 Cor 6:19-20 | 1 Cor 10:13 |
| A desire to be Christlike | Luke 6:40 | Gal 2:20 | Gal 4:19 |
| A desire to love people | John 13:34-35 | 1 John 3:16 | John 15:13 |
| A desire to serve people | Matt 20:26-28 | Phil 2:7 | Matt 23:11 |
| A desire to be involved in the Great Commission | Matt 28:19-20 | Acts 1:8 | Col 1:28-29 |
| Skills | | | |
| They know how to hear & follow God's voice | John 10:27 | 1 Sam 3:10 | Isa 6:8 |
| They know how to build relationships with others | Eph 4:29 | Phil 2:3-4 | Col 3:12 |
| They know how to build a strong Christian Home | Gen 2:24 | Eph 5:21, 25 | Eph 6:4 |
| They know how to use God-given abilities to build the body of Christ | 1 Cor 15:10 | Eph 2:10 | 1 Pet 4:10 |
| They know how to articulate & defend their faith | Matt 10:20 | 2 Tim 2:24-25 | 1 Pet 3:15 |
| They know how to disciple others | Matt 4:19 | Luke 6:40 | 2 Tim 2:2 |
| Knowledge | | | |
| They know who they are "in Christ" | John 15:5 | 2 Cor 5:17 | Col 2:10 |
| They know basic Christian doctrine | Rom 6:17 | 1 Tim 4:16 | Tit 1:9 |
| They know their unique temperament & abilities | Rom 12:3 | 1 Cor 4:1 | Pro 11:2 |
| They know a general Bible overview | Luke 24:27 | 2 Tim 3:16-17 | Neh 8:8 |
| They have established a biblical worldview | Isa 1:18 | 1 Cor 14:20 | Phil 2:5 |
| They know 54 verses of scripture from memory | Josh 1:8 | Psa 1:1-2 | Psa 119:9, 11 |

Discipleship & Community

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Disciples, those who commit their lives to follow Jesus, embody several essential characteristics in three areas. They are:

- A** – Attitude
- S** – Skills
- K** – Knowledge

Attitudes:

Attitudes describe our internal way of responding to life, the way we just naturally, spontaneously respond to life and circumstances.

1. A desire to know God
2. A desire to glorify God in all things
3. A desire to be like Jesus
4. A desire to love people
5. A desire to serve people
6. A desire to be involved in the Great Commission

How to develop attitudes:

1. Help people see their need of the desired attitudes
2. Put them with others who have the desired attitudes
3. Expose people to the Word of God
4. Help them learn how to "live in the Spirit"
5. Pray for them

Skills:

Skills describe certain things we have learned how to do that enable us to live effectively.

1. They know how to hear and follow God's voice
2. They know how to build relationships with other people
3. They know how to build a strong Christian home unit
4. They know how to use their spiritual gifts to build the local body of Christ
5. They know how to articulate and defend their faith
6. They know how to help others become mature disciples

How to develop skills in people

1. Guide them to read and listen to people who have these desired skills
2. Facilitate good discussions about skills in homegroup
3. Apprentice one another intentionally
4. Model as you are casually involved with each another

Knowledge:

Knowledge describes information that we have acquired that we use to draw from as we live our lives.

1. They know who they are "in Christ"
2. They know basic Christian doctrine
3. They know their unique temperament and spiritual gifts
4. They have a general overview of the Bible
5. They have established a basic biblical worldview
6. They know 54 verses of Scripture from memory

How to help people acquire knowledge:

1. Teach people how to love God with their minds
2. Teach people how to read well
3. Build a strong church library
4. Point out their strengths and gifts
5. Utilize the homegroup study guides to promote learning

Two additional principles to think about:

Principle # 1: Life comes out of death

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. (2 Cor 4:7-10)

Principle # 2: We are only as effective as our inner life

"...they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." (Song of Solomon 1:6 AV)