

*Making Disciples*  
Mentoring Ministry at Grace

*Basic Guidelines*

1. **Meet 7 to 10 times** for about an hour each time.
2. **Always meet in a public place.** We want to keep you and our youth safe. Therefore, meet in the youth's kitchen or living room – when the parents are home. Meet in the church when staff are present or other activities are taking place. Meet in a restaurant or other public place.
3. **Be real.** Share your faith struggles as well as your faith successes. Youth aren't impressed by people who are trying to be young and cool. Youth are impressed by people who care and who are real. Share your faith in a real and honest way.
4. **Follow through** on this commitment to the youth and to God. Don't let either down.
5. **Ask for help.** If you have questions or difficulties, ask for help; seek out wisdom. You have ample support between the pastor, staff and fellow members of Grace.
6. **Confidential.** Treat all that this youth shares with you as confidential. TWO *EXCEPTIONS*: If there is child abuse, there is a legal mandate to report it. If there is anything illegal or dangerous to the youth (or others), tell them, "We need to talk with pastor about this." Depending on the seriousness of the matter, the pastor will tell the youth, "You need to talk with your parents about this. I'll give you until next Monday to do so. Then I'll call them to determine what's been discussed and how I can help." Confidential is a support for the youth NOT an excuse for not reporting dangerous behavior.
7. **Worship.** You are modeling faith and faithfulness. Attend church weekly and always look for and greet the young disciple you are mentoring.
8. **Pray.** Pray daily for the youth you are mentoring. During your times together, ask if there are specific concerns that you can pray for.

## Purpose of Mentoring

1. **YOU:** The greatest gift a young person can have are adults to look up to and an adult that cares. YOU are a gift from God to this growing disciple. Thank you for your faith and generosity in walking with one of God's maturing disciples.
2. **FAITH:** Faith is caught not taught. Be honest and real. Share from your heart what and why you believe. Share appropriate struggles. Share mountaintop experiences. Share moments of doubt. Let them know you as a real person – saint and sinner – striving to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Then your faith will be contagious.
3. **DISCIPLINES:** In our confirmation program, you will be a spiritual guide who helps our youth develop lifelong habits that will deepen their walk with Christ and strengthen their growth as a disciple. You will explore together six marks of discipleship.

## Six Marks of Discipleship

1. Daily Prayer
2. Weekly Worship
3. Bible Reading
4. Service
5. Spiritual Friendships
6. Giving