

To The Churches
Disciple Making Church – Growth Stages

These are the progressive stages of Disciple making (DM) from Stage 1 (non-existent) to Stage 6 (healthy and balanced).

Stage	Mission/Vision	Leadership Development	Spiritual Maturity	Small Groups	Mentoring	Outreach
6	Church DM is positively influencing other churches and ministries.	Generations of DM leaders are leading and equipping the church.	Church wide fruits of the spirit and Christ-likeness are apparent; increasing hunger for deep teaching and knowledge (meat).	Personal and collective spiritual multiplication is occurring within the small groups ministry.	3rd and 4th generation laborers are involved in mentoring.	Majority of growth of church is through conversions.
5	Entire church is functioning around the vision of DM.	Intentional process is in place for developing new DM leaders.	Spiritual growth process is in place and many members are reaching spiritual maturity milestones.	Most of church reports several deep and spiritually impactful relationships in the church.	2nd generation laborers are involved in mentoring.	Intentional evangelism strategies are in place and conversions are increasing.
4	DM strategic integration planning is defined.	All member of key leadership team are personally committed to the church's DM mission / vision.	Progressive process for spiritual growth is defined.	Trained DM leaders are leading the majority of small groups.	Mentoring is becoming an integral part of the church's ministries.	Outreach taskforce is formed and comprehensive strategies are being developed.
3	Church-wide DM mission / vision is defined.	DM is being modeled via a DM prototype; DM leaders are being developed.	Many members have strong hunger to be "spiritually mature".	DM small group leaders are being trained.	Many in church can articulate the idea of spiritually helping another.	Some members evidence a heart for the Lost.
2	Senior Pastor is the primary advocate / practitioner for DM.	Key leaders focus on spiritual matters.	Critical mass of key leaders embrace and practice DM.	Leaders recognize need for small groups in relation to DM.	Some leaders are mentoring others; no consistent plan is in place.	Some leaders are modeling intentional outreach.
1	DM mission / vision are unclear and church group is not able to articulate it.	Key leaders focus primarily on administrative matters.	Discipleship is undefined and haphazard.	Some small groups exist but are not resulting in transformation.	Mentoring is poorly understood.	Emphasis on outreach is minimal.