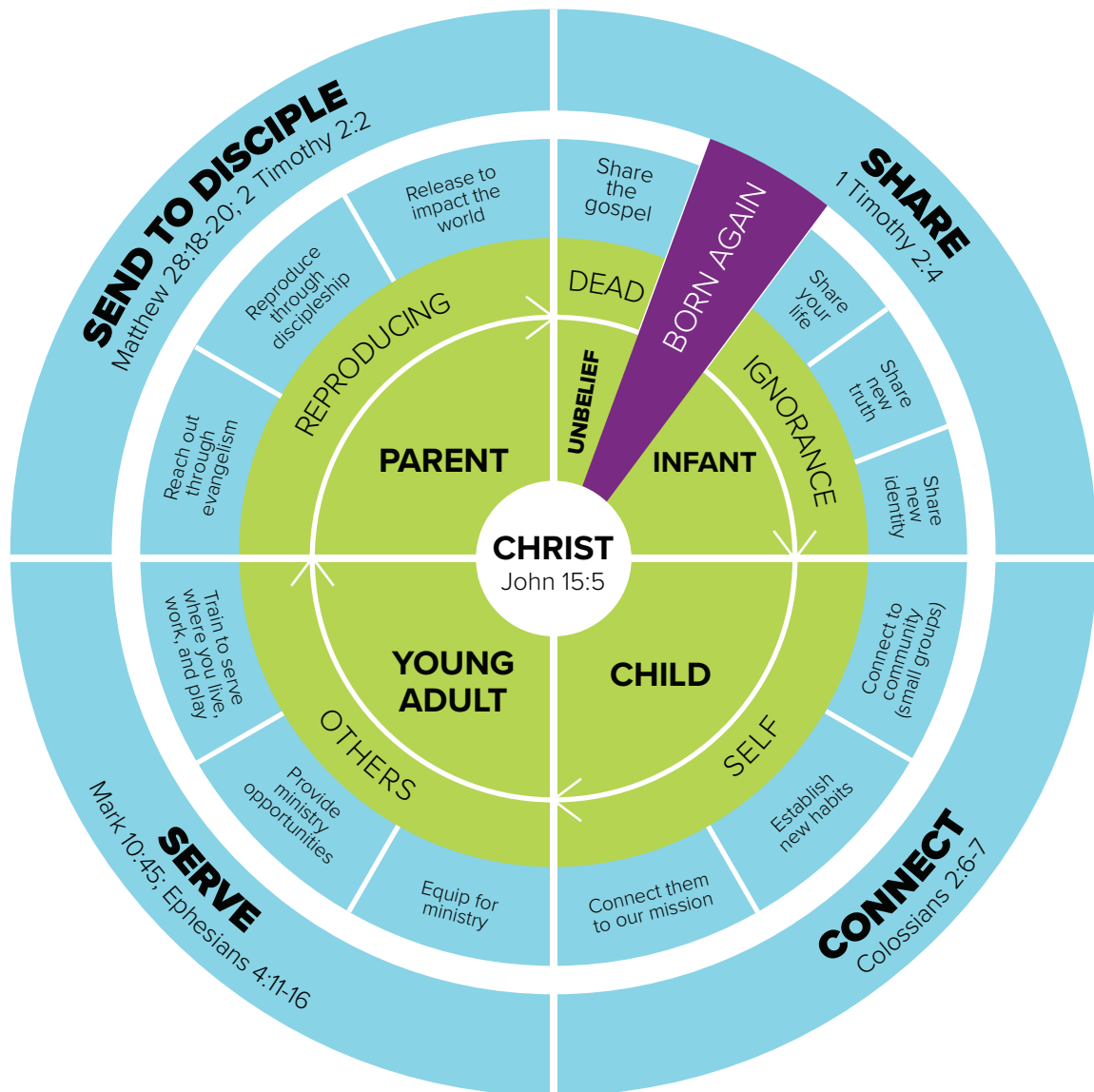


Crossroads Life-Cycle of a Disciple



Summary Profile				
	General Characteristics	Typical Beliefs, Behaviors, Attitudes	Spiritual Needs	Phrases
Spiritual Stage				
Dead	Unbelieving Rebellious	--Belief in one God but many ways to get to Him --Confusion about God, Jesus, and the church --Ignorance regarding biblical truth	--A secure relationship with a mature believer --A picture of the real Jesus lived out in front of them --Answers, evidences for Christianity --An explanation of the gospel message --An invitation to receive Christ	--"The bible is just a bunch of myths." --"There are many ways to get to God." --"I am a Christian because I go to church and I am a good person." --"I have been a good person, so I will be okay."
Infant	Ignorant Confused Dependent	--Ignorance about what they need and what the Bible says about life and the purpose of a Christian --Ignorance about or frustration toward Christianity and the church --Worldly perspective about life with some spiritual truth	--Individual attention from a spiritual parent --Protection --An explanation of the truths (new truths) found in the Word of God --An explanation of modeling of the habits of a growing believer	--"I believe in Jesus, but my church is when I'm in the woods or on the lake" --"I don't have to go to church to be a Christian" --"I gave my life to Jesus and I go to church, but I don't need to be close to other people" --"I pray and read my Bible. That is good enough for me"
Child	Self-centered, self-absorbed Idealistic Prideful Low view of self Interdependent	--Belief that feelings are most important, which leads to spiritual highs and lows --Lack of wisdom about how to use what they are learning -- for example, too aggressive when sharing their faith, or too legalistic in their approach to dealing with their friends and family --Tendency to serve others in a ministry as long as the benefit outweighs the cost --Enthusiasm about new teachings	--A spiritual family --Help for how to start feeding themselves --Teaching about who they are in Christ --Teaching about how to have a relationship with Christ --Teaching about how to have relationships with other believers --Teaching about appropriate expectations concerning other believers	--"I love my small group; don't add any more people to it." --"My small group is not taking care of my needs." --"I didn't like the music today. If only they did it like..." --"I am not being fed in my church, so I am going to a church that meets my needs better."
Young Adult	Action/service-oriented Zealous God-centered Others-centered Mission-minded but incomplete in his or her understanding Independent	--Desire to serve others for others' good and the glory of God --Tendency to feel responsible for how others respond to the message; possible pride if a person accepts their message and possible discouragement if they don't --Desire to serve but not strategic about how to train others --Naivety about other believers -- for example, they believe that others are on fire for Jesus because everyone seems to be "fine" at church --Tendency to be black-and-white about what should happen in church	--A place to learn to serve --Ongoing relationships that offer encouragement and accountability --Help for establishing boundaries --Guidance regarding appropriate expectations of people they will serve --Help in identifying their gifts --Skills training	--"Look how many are at church today -- it's awesome! I had to walk two blocks from the closest parking spot." --"Randy and Rachel missed group and I called to see if they are okay. Their kids have the flu, so maybe our group can make meals for them. I'll start." --"In my devotions, I came across something I have a question about."
Parent	Intentional Strategic Reproduction-minded Self-feeding Mission-minded Team-minded (unity matters) Dependable	--Ability to think in terms of what a team (rather than an individual) can do --A coaching mindset --Desire to see the people they work with mature and become fellow workers who love them but aren't dependent on them to complete the mission	--An ongoing relationship with co-laborers --A church family --Encouragement	--People talk about what they love. When spiritual parents talk about what God is doing with them, it is not bragging or name-dropping. Humility is evident. --"This guy at work asked me to explain the Bible to him. Pray for me." --"Our small group is going on a mission trip, and I have given each person a different responsibility." --"I realize discipleship happens at home, too. Will you hold me accountable to spend time discipling my kids." --"I have a person in my small group who is passionate about children. Can you have the children's ministry people call me?"

Definition of Disciple – Someone who follows Jesus, is changed by Jesus, and lives on mission with Jesus.

	Infant	Child	Young Adult	Parent
Committed to Gospel Holiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High desire/low comprehension • Need guidance • Need discipline • Hungry • Learning a New Identity (in Christ) • Basics for fellowship with God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignorant/aloof • Teachable • Impressionable • Selfish • Resist change • Asking questions/curious • Basics for fellowship with God • Learning and beginning to apply God's word 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biblically literate • Ownership • Designing own growth path • Becoming self-aware • Less directive • Legalistic • Idealistic • Routine • Worldly sorrow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" • Wise • Sound Doctrine • Sacrificial • Reproducing • Greater understanding of grace • Secure • Intentional • Gospel identity-fighting idols • Godly sorrow
Connected to Gospel Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualistic • Need community • No boundaries • Must be carried to community • No social/emotional IQ • Learning their identity • Fearful/Insecure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superficial • Needy • Fun • Struggle w/ seriousness • Surface • Avoid conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporadic • Don't want to multiply • Guarded • Sloppy conflict • Cause driven/mission • Balance fun & depth • Begin to be others focused • Slightly closed to outsiders • Aspire to lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value others • Secure w/ others • Willingness to be vulnerable • Gracious • Looking to multiply • Initiate care for others • Not afraid to handle conflict • Open to outsiders • Learner • Lead/model
Contributing to Gospel Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumeristic • Ignorant • Selfish • Don't recognize need • No responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tip God • Resistant • Serve when something in it for me • Individualist • Deploy resources recklessly • Short attention span • Selfish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to see needs • Learning generosity • Materialist • Compassionate • Cause focused • People pleaser • Consistent not strategic • Zealous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generous • Open-handed • Prioritization • Embrace & practices Biblical stewardship • Eternal perspective • Consistent plus sacrificial
Calling Other to the Gospel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share excitement • Emotional • Clunky proclamation • Over zealous • Experiential not theological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional • Timid • Risk averse • Scared of hard questions • Basic Biblical knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zealous • Conviction • Growing awareness of nations • Solid articulation of story • Take more risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident in sharing story • Hospitable • Persevering • Biblical defense of faith • Love over duty • Understand grace • Rooted in gospel • Passionate & strategic • Gospel fluent