

# Growing As Disciples Who Make Disciples

What's your conversion story?

Acts 19:1-19

## **The Mission**

Midlothian Bible Church seeks to glorify God and make disciples by bringing people together through the Gospel and building up mature followers of Christ.

## The Strategy

- **Believe** in the Gospel of **Christ** and the whole counsel of His Word.
- **Belong** to community in **Christ**.
- **Build up** one another's walk with **Christ**.
- **Be strong** in the mission of **Christ**.

**Pursing Followership over Spectatorship by growing  
as Disciples of Christ who make disciples of Christ.**

**Goal 1: Implementation of a global & local  
mission team to guide, equip, and encourage  
outreach locally and abroad by the end of  
2020.**



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**Goal 2: Equip 75% of MBC partners to share the  
gospel message in a new way.**

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**Goal 3: Start 4 new LIFE Groups with 4 new  
leaders by fall 2020.**

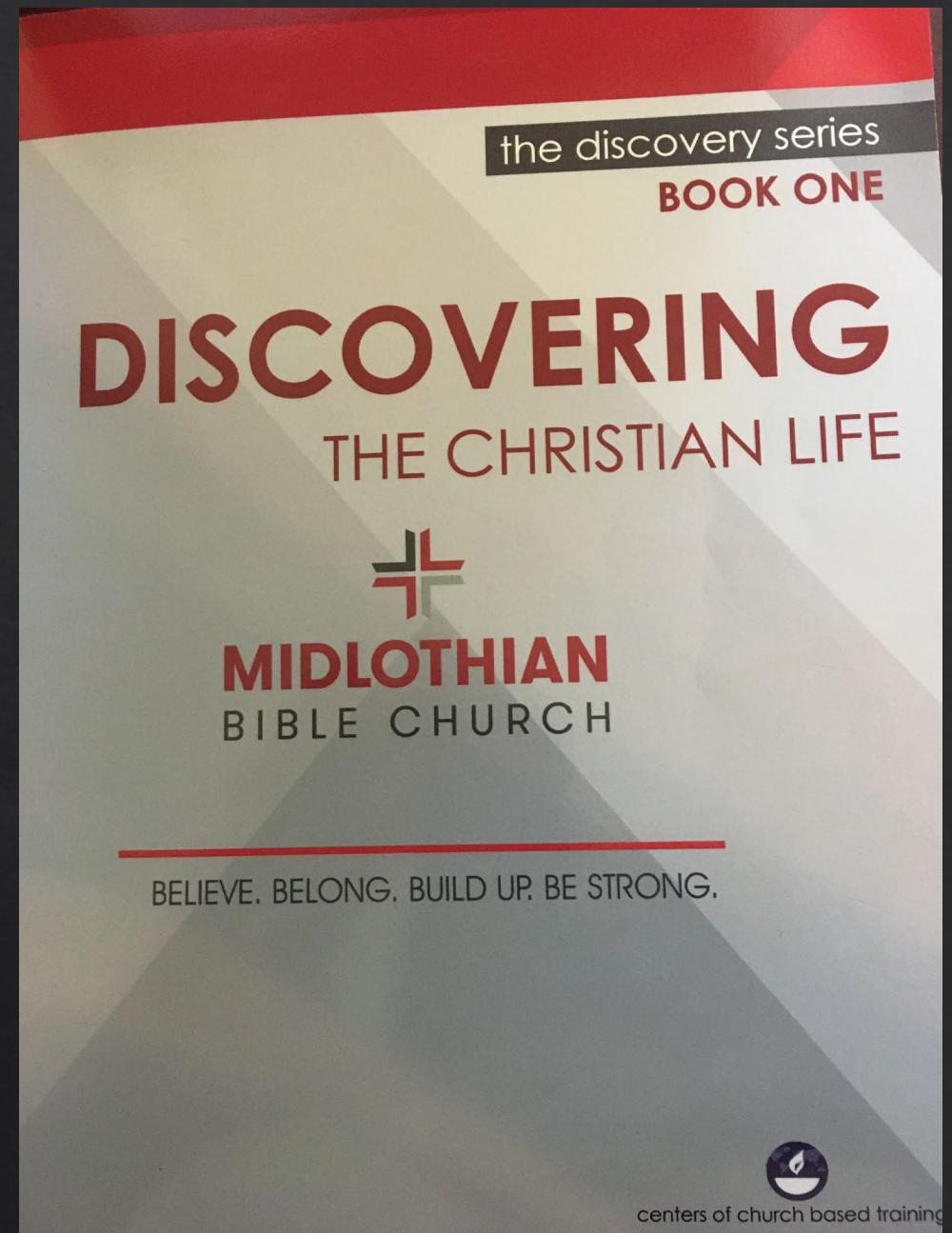
# **Pursing Followership over Spectatorship by growing as Disciples of Christ who make disciples of Christ.**

## **Goal 4: Pray every day at 1:11 pm:**

- 1 person to share the Gospel with in 2020.**
- 1 person you know or met to come to faith in Christ as Savior in 2020.**
- 1 person to personally disciple in 2021.**



**Goal 5: Every non-specialized LIFE group to go through Discovering the Christian Life discipleship tool by the end of Spring of 2021.**





# Who are the ministers in the church?

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to **equip the saints** for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:11–12

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.”

Matthew 28:19–20a

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## Why start with the conversion story?

- ◆ To get to know the person.
- ◆ To confirm they truly know the Gospel.
- ◆ To help them see how their story could be used to share the Gospel with other people.



# The Conversion of a Religious Terrorist

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:1



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Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:58

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And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.

Acts 22:20

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But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Acts 8:3



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And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Acts 26:10–11



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But Saul ...asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:1–2

Take hope God is in the business of  
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<sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer,  
persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received  
mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,  
<sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me  
with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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15b ... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 1: 13–16



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3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

Acts 9:3

13 At midday... I saw on the way a light from heaven, **brighter than the sun**, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me.

Acts 26:13



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4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 9:4

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hard for you to kick  
against the goads.’

Acts 26:14

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And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said,  
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Acts 9:5



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And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’ ... 10 And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’

Acts 22:8a & 10

But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:6–9



Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

Acts 9:10–12



But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”

Acts 9:13–14

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 9:15–17



18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;

Acts 9:18



**Go, tell your story of God's saving grace!**