

GROWING AS A DISCIPLE END GOALS

In the clearest terms, a disciple of Jesus Christ is one who focuses on following Him, studying His words and ways to know Him and to learn from Him for the purpose of being like Him. This is real transformation and this the goal of our Christian lives – to imitate Jesus... all of Him in every way... to think, be and act like Him.

30 Essentials of the Committed Life is Amity's spiritual development plan where we have categorized the discipleship journey into the three general areas: **Know-Be-Do** whereby we can examine each of the thirty and how they can help us become more like Jesus. What we want is to present the congregation with an intentional, comprehensive, organized, kingdom-oriented plan for presenting everyone **mature in Christ** (*Colossian 1:28*). With this discipleship goal in mind, we set out to create a way for people to simply see and understand what it looks like to grow in Christlikeness... something approachable by all attendees, a structure that encourages everyone along in their journey with God using the three areas: **Know** (*head*), **Be** (*heart*), **Do** (*hands*)... a biblical pattern for transformation as prescribed in Mark 12:30. *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

Over the course of this journey Amity will be planning, preparing and promoting sermons, classes, events, activities, ministry teams, groups, relationships, and other resources to help our church mature in Christ both corporately and individually. We see the value of Christlikeness and as a church we are taking steps forward in creating an environment that encourages this transformation to happen.

As we navigate this greater goal of spiritual maturity and the general goals of **Know-Be-Do** onto the specific goals of the **30 Essentials** we want to help you drill down on some actual attainable end-goals. Captured in these pages are some of the things we desire for our people to work toward in their ministry years.

This list is not comprehensive but is a great tool to start with. It will continue to be developed over time to help address the needs of the church, and in response to issues that may surface in our changing lives and challenging culture.



Knowing [Head] “...to be filled with the knowledge of his will” Colossians 1:9

We desire that our stewards:

- believe the gospel of Jesus Christ and can articulate what the gospel (plan of salvation) is
- know the books of the Bible
- know the attributes and character of God
- know the largest brushstrokes of the Bible, the big themes found in Scripture
- know where in the Bible the gospel is defined
- know what the Great Commission is
- be able to quote John 3:16
- articulate the faith/repentance and the need for Jesus
- be able to define terms of theology like grace, covenant, justification, sanctification, redemption, sin, salvation
- can explain the Trinity
- knows our church’s vision, mission and beliefs
- articulate their personal idols that get in the way of true worship and obedience
- conduct an inductive Bible study on their own

Being [Heart] “...to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord” Colossians 1:10

We desire that our stewards:

- apply the gospel to their life
- knows his or her areas of struggle
- understands God’s character and pursues likeness
- grow in desire for spiritual wholeness and new life
- engage in a spiritual friendship with at least one person for accountability and prayer
- increase in his or her desire for obedience to God’s laws
- reflect more and more the fruits of the Spirit in his or her relationships
- commit to a spiritual small group for fellowship, prayer, growth and care
- is finding deeper dependence on God through prayer and meditation on his Word
- follow God even in suffering
- forgive people who deeply hurt them

- share their personal testimony of God's goodness
- can pray aloud in the company of others

Doing [Hands] "...bearing fruit in every good work" Colossians 1:10

We desire that our stewards:

- know their spiritual gift(s) and are using it in the body/church
- are growing in financial generosity / move towards tithing / proportional giving
- engage in serving the local church through a ministry team
- are considering missions opportunities
- help lead the mission of the church by greeting and inviting newcomers into community
- practice hospitality in their relationships with one another and their community
- give to others expecting nothing in return
- pray with those needing prayer and encouragement
- walk with new believers through the plan of salvation