

# DiscipleSHIFT - Intro | Week 1

## Introduction

1. Can you recall a moment when you went through a game-changing experience? A game-changing experience is one that fundamentally alters your perspective and path. It could have been an instance of sudden clarity in a subject, hobby, or sport, or perhaps a significant life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child.

## Study

2. At Redeemer, we are experiencing a game-changing moment. God is calling us to a discipleSHIFT. In the coming year, you will see our church shifting areas of ministry to better align with discipleship. For the church, this began with recognizing that we can grow in our discipleship effectiveness.

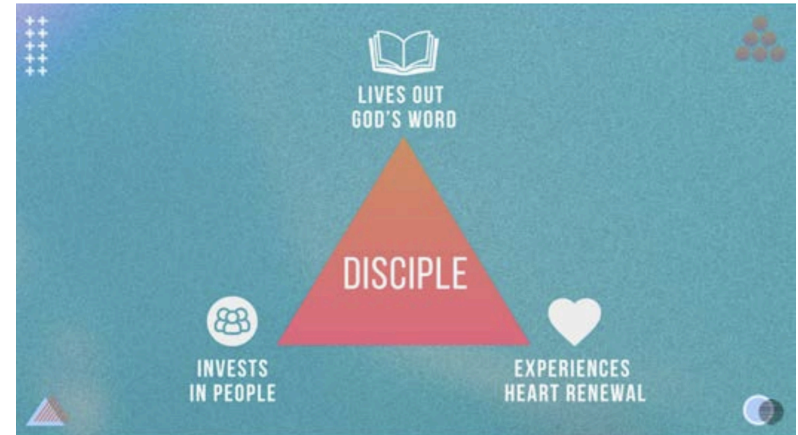
This is Redeemer's mission: "**To make disciples who make disciples everywhere.**" Read Matthew 28:19-20. What is a disciple? What does a disciple look like? How might being a disciple of Jesus impact your perspective on life?

3. At Redeemer, we have summarized a disciple as this: "A disciple is a **TRANSFORMED FOLLOWER OF JESUS.**"

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 2:1, 4-5. We acknowledge that we still struggle with sin, yet we are transformed. What do these verses tell us about being transformed? Why is it significant to note that we are TRANSFORMED followers? What aspect does this statement lose if we simply summarize a disciple as "Followers of Jesus"?

Read Matt. 4:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:1. As you read these verses, what do they say about being a follower of Jesus?

4. If a disciples is a transformed follower of Jesus, then it begs the question, **what a disciple looks like?** The image below summarizes what a disciple looks like.



Here is a summary description:

### A TRANSFORMED FOLLOWER OF JESUS...

- **EXPERIENCES HEART RENEWAL.** A disciple not only learns about God intellectually, but also undergoes a renewal of the heart. The character of God is something to be regularly experienced within one's heart.

*What does this look like?* **Daily preaching the gospel to yourself.**

- **INVESTS IN PEOPLE.** Jesus called his disciples to be with him and so that he may send them out to be with them to make disciples. Paul disciplined Timothy so that he may disciple others.

*What does this look like?* **A need a Paul (mentor), Barnabas (partner), and Timothy (mentee) in your life.**

- **LIVES OUT GOD'S WORD.** In an ever changing world, disciples need the unchanging Word to light their path and to strengthen their heart.

*What does this look like?* **Shaped by God's Word. Shares God's Word. Saturates in God's Word.**

We will dive deeper into these concepts in the next three weeks. What do you see as the biggest challenge in being a disciple (a transformed follower of Christ)?

## Prayer

- Spend some time praying for Redeemer as we seek to make disciples who make disciples everywhere.
- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.