

Disciple...Helping Someone Follow Jesus More Closely

This emphasis - "Disciple... Helping Someone Follow Jesus More Closely" - is scheduled for February 21 - March 28, 2010. How we follow Christ makes all the difference in our world. Becoming a student of Christ brings us into a positive personal understanding of what we are to become in Him.

On the back cover of his book, *Beyond Sunday*, Dr. Woodie Stevens writes, "As faithful followers of Christ, we study His teachings and worship together; we sing in the choir, attend Sunday School classes, and volunteer in the nursery; we pay our tithes, support our missionaries, and participate in outreach projects. We invest our lives in people, programs, activities, and instruction of our churches. But surrounding ourselves with church and Christian ideals does not make us devoted disciples. Devoted disciples make Christ their passion, their mission, their motivation; they carry Christ wherever they go."

That is what being a disciple is about. The Sunday School emphasis scheduled for February 21-March 28, 2010, is designed to help participants make a difference in today's world by being the best disciples and disciple makers they can be. Through the strategic discipleship methods and ideas section, you can pan for the best nuggets of ideas that will help your Sunday School classes and small groups be the best disciple-making groups possible.

You will notice that the new design of the Sunday School emphasis page is quite different from the past format. This new manner of delivering emphasis ideas has been created to give small and large churches flexibility in using the Strategic Discipleship Methods and Ideas most applicable to their local church. You will find dates and a general themes for each semi-annual emphasis, but the weekly focus will be of your choosing. The Strategic Discipleship Methods and Ideas are divided into six categories, each of which could be a weekly focus for the current emphasis: Bible Reading, Prayer, Workplace & School Outreach, Encouragement, Service, and Fellowship. If you have ideas to add to these categories, please Email them to sdmi@nazarene.org.