



32 Core Commitments of a Lifepoint Baptist Church Disciple

Our church's mission is given only by God through the scriptures and is summed up in the Great Commission...

Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

With the Great Commission in mind, we seek to be clear in our understanding of what is a disciple. If someone attends our church for years and then moves across the country, what do we want that person to take away in terms of values and beliefs and practices? What key commitments do we want to pass on to the next generation of disciple-makers? What features shape our plan of discipleship? The core answers to these questions are found in the profile below, "32 Core Commitments of a Lifepoint Baptist Church Disciple."

The format of each of these thirty-two commitments intentionally reflects the "I believe" format. To say "I believe" or "I choose" or "I participate" is not, in this context, to be understood as a statement of self-reliance or self-righteousness. Rather, as in all things, we only believe and respond and grow by the grace of our great God and His Son Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 3:18) To Him alone be the glory!

Twelve Core Beliefs

On the basis of what God the Father has spoken in His Word, we seek to disciple the mind: hence, twelve core beliefs.

1. Trinity: I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 3:16-17
2. Authority of the Bible: I believe the Bible is God's Word and has the right to command what I believe and how I live. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
3. Creation: I believe God has created the world around me and continues to exercise care and control over it. Colossians 1:16-17
4. The reality of sin: I believe sin has entered God's created world through the Fall and has impacted every human being. Romans 5:12
5. The reality of suffering: I believe, as a result of the fall and the sin of man, suffering exists in the world. This suffering is not always a result of the individual's personal sin, but it is allowed that the work of God may be known. John 9:1-3
6. Salvation by grace: I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8-9
7. Identity in Christ: I believe that, as an outworking of being made a new creation in Jesus Christ, I am being transformed into Christ's image. 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29
8. Humanity: I believe all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. John 3:16
9. The church: I believe the church, in Jesus Christ, is God's primary way of accomplishing His purposes on earth today. Ephesians 2:19-22
10. Community: I believe God has called his children to live in meaningful relationships with each other. Galatians 5:13-14; Proverbs 27:17
11. Eternity: I believe in heaven and hell, and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the world and establish his eternal kingdom. Hebrews 9:27-28
12. The Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Christ: I believe that Jesus Christ was virgin born, and that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven bodily. Luke 1:34-35

Ten Core Practices

In light of how God the Son has lived, we seek to disciple the life: hence, ten core practices.

1. Worship: I join other believers in worship of God for who He is and what He has done for us. Hebrews 10:24-25; Psalm 34:1-3
2. Prayer: I pray to God, on my own and with others, in order to know and love Him, ask Him for things, and join Him in what He is doing. Matthew 7:7-13; Philippians 4:6-7

3. Bible study: I read, learn and reflect on God’s Word and its teaching so that I may know Him better and find direction and strength for my life. Psalm 119:15, 47-48, 97, 104; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
4. Fellowship: I meet with other believers in order to strengthen and be strengthened in the faith. Proverbs 27:17
5. Service: I use my gifts and abilities, in partnership with my Christian brothers and sisters, to help those in need. 1 Peter 4:10
6. Stewardship: I sacrifice my time, money, gifts, resources, and life in order to fulfill God’s purposes. Romans 12:1-2
7. Peacemaking: I respond to conflict in a way that demonstrates the redeeming love of God. Matthew 5:9
8. Evangelism: I wisely share the gospel with those who have not yet repented and placed their faith in Jesus Christ. Colossians 4:5-6
9. Engagement: I interact thoughtfully with the culture around me so as to be salt and light on behalf of Christ. Matthew 5:13-16
10. Missions involvement: I participate in God’s plan to make disciples of people all over the world. Matthew 28:19-20

Ten Core Attitudes

*In light of how God the Spirit seeks to mold our affections, we seek to disciple the heart:
hence, ten core attitudes.*

1. Faith: I live my life and plan my future in light of the unseen God and His redeeming work in Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:8-9
2. Hope: I cope with the hardships of life and the fear of death through confidence in the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1-5
3. Love: I love my neighbor with the kind of love that God has given to me. Ephesians 5:1-2
4. Contentment: I have peace, confidence, and purpose through Christ in spite of my circumstances. Philippians 4:11-13
5. Humility: I choose to esteem other people above myself. Philippians 2:3-4
6. Wisdom: I live out Christ’s character and will in everyday situations by humbly connecting my choices to his truth. Colossians 1:9
7. Forgiveness: I extend to those who sin against me the forgiveness that Christ has freely given to me. Colossians 3:13
8. Compassion: I demonstrate to those in need the merciful compassion that God has revealed in Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:12
9. Righteousness: I promote the things that God calls “just” and “pure” in my personal life, relationships, work and society. Psalm 82:3-4
10. Perseverance: I hold onto faith, hope, and love in both the good and the bad times. Galatians 6:9

Having received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been scripturally baptized, and being in agreement with the constitution, bylaws, and articles of faith, I hereby join into covenant membership with Lifepoint Baptist Church. In so doing, I commit myself to God and the authority of the membership of Lifepoint Baptist Church in accordance with, and not contrary to, the 32 Core Commitments of a Lifepoint Baptist Church disciple.

Printed Name	Date
Signature	Joined By
Pastor Signature	Date
Deacon Signature	Date