

Summary:

- **Other discipling venues may not be wrong, but discipling within the local church is clearly optimal.**
 - **Your love for the church, and the individuals of whom it is composed, should make it your first focus for discipling.**
 - **The church was established, in part, to foster discipling relationships and it's there, in the local church, that you should get started.**
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Next Week? Encouraging Careful Bible Study.

Core Seminars—Discipling
Class 5: Discipling in the Local Church



Introduction:

What do we mean when we suggest that discipling can best take place in the context of the local church?

Ten Reasons to disciple in the context of the local church...

I. Because the church is called by God to be pure.

II. Because you do not have every spiritual gift.

III. Because a church body provides better accountability.

IV. Because you have a limited amount of time.

V. Because God is more glorified when the body grows toward him together.

VI. Because building up the church is what you were gifted to do.

VII. Because discipling is a primary way to show love for Christ and for his church.

VIII. Because church-based discipling is assumed in Scripture.

IX. Because God is greatly glorified in church-based discipling.

X. Because the church is most healthy when it has a whole “culture of discipling.”

Getting Started in Discipling:

- **Who?**
- **When?**
- **What?**