

## 2018 Discipleship Survey Results

*Note that some questions allowed only one answer, so those results are given in percentages; other questions allowed multiple answers, so those results are given in actual numbers.*

1. GFBC is encouraging my discipleship. (126 respondents)  
Strongly agree - 64%    Somewhat agree - 29%    Neutral - 3%    Somewhat disagree - 3%    Disagree - 1%
2. GFBC is helping my discipleship. (126 respondents)  
Strongly agree - 53%    Somewhat agree - 40%    Neutral - 5%    Somewhat disagree - 2%    Disagree - 1%
3. I am best at discipleship when I am . . . (126 respondents)  
Leading someone to being their faith journey - 5  
Walking alongside others on their faith journey - 64  
Engaging in spiritual practices (like prayer, Bible study, etc.) - 60  
Facilitating a discussion on how to disciple others - 3  
Sharing my resources - 33  
Aware of opportunities for showing discipleship to others - 34

Christian discipleship involves both personal growth and service to others. The next two questions address those two aspects of discipleship.

4. Which statement best describes your experience over the last two year as relates to spiritual growth?  
I have experienced constant, steady spiritual growth - 36% (125 respondents)  
I have experienced spiritual growth in spurts - 54%  
I have experienced minimal spiritual growth - 10%  
I cannot identify any spiritual growth in my life - 0%
5. Which statement best describes your experience over the last two years as relates to serving others?  
I have regularly served others - 51% (126 respondents)  
I have occasionally served others - 44%  
I have rarely served others - 5%
6. My discipleship tends to find expression in . . . (121 respondents)  
Individual spiritual practices and experiences - 14%  
Community experiences at church - 20%  
Community experiences outside of church - 12%  
A blend of individual spiritual practices and group experiences - 54%

*Questions 7 and 8 allowed participants to select their degree of interest in several responses. Here are the top three answers for "very interested in" and "somewhat interested in."*

7. In order to increase my discipleship, I am **very interested in** (122 respondents)  
More opportunities to be Jesus' hands and feet - 70  
Engaging with other church members - 69  
Developing my spiritual gifts - 68  
  
In order to increase my discipleship, I am **somewhat interested in** (122 respondents)  
Conversation partners about my faith journey - 53  
Learning various spiritual practices - 56  
Suggested reading - 56
8. In order to collaborate with other church members, I am **very interested in**  
Mission projects - 69 (110 respondents)  
Involvement in service projects - 65  
Small group Bible study - 56

In order to collaborate with other church members, I am **somewhat interested in**

Practicing various spiritual practices communally – 51 (110 respondents)

Topical discussions – 51

Learning how to advocate for missions partners – 49

*While questions 1-8 were multiple choice, question 9 was short answer, making for a much wider breadth of responses. The following data is the pastor's attempt to group the responses into the categories, or topics, which surfaced most frequently. After the summary, under each category will be listed some of the language/comments offered by the respondents.*

9. What is the one thing you most need from GFBC in order to live out Jesus' call to love

God and love others?

Service projects/missions projects/hands on service – 20

Community/fellowship – 13

Support/encouragement – 12

Guidance/direction – 5

Small groups/prayer/Bible study – 5

Personal commitment/faithfulness - 7

Service/missions opportunities (20 responses)

- service projects/missions projects
- opportunities to serve
- community missions
- serve as a whole church/intergenerational/Rise Against Hunger
- work inside and outside the church
- opportunities to use my spiritual gifts

Community/fellowship (13 responses)

- close, loving congregation
- interaction
- intimate connections
- connected to others

Support/encouragement (12 responses)

- support
- supportive congregation
- support groups
- continued support
- support my fellow Christians

Guidance/direction/good examples (8 responses)

Bible study/prayer, small groups (5 responses)

Personal commitment/faithfulness (7 responses)

- More personal discipline to do the things I already know that I need to do.
- It is up to me. GFBC provides for me.
- I feel that I need to make a better effort.
- Continue what you have been doing. We have a wonderful staff that provides many opportunities, guidance, and examples of how to love God and others. The one thing I need you to do is continue allowing God to work through you in what you do for our church.