

# GROW INTO CHRISTLIKENESS

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**G**enuine Christlikeness is not something we can produce on our own—it is the work of God. That is why God wants our humble dependence on Him for strength, growth and perseverance. It is definitely not a walk in the park. It is progression, not perfection. That is why we always hear from the pulpit the need for us to fight for our time with God and His word. We must strive to always be right with God and take our Christian life and ministry to a higher level.

Here at GCF South Metro, we are blessed to have the opportunity to be trained and equipped for life and service. We have been, for the past years, providing intentional strategies and programs for church members and attendees to be equipped and trained to do the work of the ministry for deployment to the ministry and church leadership positions. It is our fervent prayer and desire that more GCF South Metro members will be trained in basic biblical knowledge and practical ministry skills.

We are committed to equipping disciples with Biblical foundations and ministry skills that would allow them to grow in spiritual maturity through serving in the various ministries and taking part in fulfilling the mission of the Church. Growing disciples towards becoming a multiplying disciple - one with a balanced perspective of the Christian life, ministry and

service - has always been our main thing.

Ephesians 4:12-14 is a clear reminder of our call ...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

With the clear thrust of making multiplying disciples and the vision of building up leaders for the future, the Growth Group Leadership Institute (GGLI) was launched last year. GGLI is the training and equipping program for GCF South Metro members who seek to train and develop leaders for effective intentional discipleship in the church, workplace, community and missions.

GGLI aims to build up multiplying disciples who are rooted in the Word, persevering in prayer and enduring in his personal discipleship with the goal of Christlikeness. We believe that to multiply healthy and fruitful disciples, we need to intentionally train and equip them for life and service.

We praise God for a very good first year in our GGLI. Currently, the program is blessed with two batches from our church-family. It has been our joy to witness the desire of our students to grow in Christlikeness and to go deep in faith and knowledge of the Scripture.

As we prepare the church towards making disciples who are able to multiply their lives in the lives of others, would you make our joy complete by considering to be trained and equipped through GGLI?

Classes for GGLI include Making Disciples Material 1&2, Understanding the Bible, Back to Basics, Leading Growth Groups/ Evangelistic Growth Groups, OT Survey, NT Survey, Kairos, Sermon Preparation, Ecclesiology, Biblical Leadership & Ministry Perspectives.

Please uphold us in prayer as we move on to the next class. We are excited to have our students in the Kairos course, which commences today until October 2, 2022, every Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

You may ask your GG Mentors for details, or you may send me an email at [mark.magangat@gcfsouthmetro.org](mailto:mark.magangat@gcfsouthmetro.org) or slip us a note in our FB page comment section. ✱