

## **Profile of a Discipled Believer**

The Whole Measure of the Fullness of Christ – Ephesians 4:13

### **❖ Loves God**

Loving Him above everyone and everything else. The greatest commandment we are given is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our response to God's great love for us is to live a life characterized by loving, worshiping and praising Him. Deuteronomy 10:12; Psalm 18:1; Matthew 22:36-40.

### **❖ Loves People**

Our devotion to God finds its outward expression in loving others as God loves us. We will view every person as valuable to God and find ways to love them in word and deed. We are determined to confront injustice and abuse wherever they are met, while maintaining the dignity of life and showing kindness to those God brings into our lives. Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:34-35; 1John 4:10-21. We are committed to community with one another.

### **❖ Follows the Lordship of Christ**

Christ is Master of our lives, having complete control of mind, will, emotions, and affections. "Lordship refers to Christ as the God-man and the release to Him of complete control of our lives. We acknowledge Christ as Master in our lives and our lifestyles reflect this truth. Acts 2:36; Romans 10:9-10; 12:1-2.

### **❖ Lives a Discipled Life**

In submission to Christ's Great Commission, a life that is teachable, with aim to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. A discipled life is a life that is increasingly committed to God, the Body of Christ, the world, and the new man within. It is a life working in tandem with the Spirit of God in developing Christlikeness of life. Therefore, we choose to live according to the pattern that Christ has set. Romans 8:29; 2Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 4:15; 1Timothy 4:7.

### **❖ Has a Heart for the Lost**

In obedience to the Great Commission, live to build bridges with the lost and be a witness daily through demonstration and conversation. God's concern for all people to come to repentance should heighten our compassion to share God's message with unbelievers. Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:16; 1Timothy 2:4; 2Peter 3:9; Heb. 10:5-7

### **❖ Submits to the Control of the Spirit**

A moment by moment determination to be filled with the Spirit of God, evidenced by the fruit of Ephesians 5:19-6:20. We are focused on releasing control over our life more to Him because Spirit control is a willful dependence on the Holy Spirit through acts of obedience. These acts allow us to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our desire that every Villager be controlled and empowered in his daily life by the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18; 1Thessalonians 5:19.

### **❖ Is Teachable, Available & Obedient**

A heart that is pliable, willing to yield to God's leading and God's ways. We can only enjoy our life in Christ as we daily seek His will, make ourselves available and follow him in obedience. It is our desire that every Villager have a pliable heart and grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's will. Psalm 25:4-5; Isaiah 6:8-9; 1Peter 1:14-15