

**Core Seminars – Christian Living  
Discipling**

*Week 5 – January 05, 2003*

**Why Disciple 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...**

- **Because the church is called by God to be pure.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Because you do not have every spiritual gift.**

· **Because the church body provides better accountability.**

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

· **Because you have a limited amount of time.**

· **Because church-based discipling is assumed by Scripture**

· **Because God expects YOU to work to keep others from falling behind.**

· **Because the unbelieving world is watching the church.**

· **Because church membership and community is important.**

**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 you cheat yourself and others if you don't recognize it as such.**

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

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**Next Week? Encouraging Careful Bible Study.**