



SDMI Emphasis • March 12-April 16, 2017

DISCIPLESHIP: *Journeying Together with Jesus*

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2).

How we follow Christ makes all the difference in our world. Becoming a student of Christ brings us into a positive personal understanding of what we are to become in Him.

On the back cover of his book, *Beyond Sunday*, Dr. Woodie Stevens (SDMI Global Director) writes:

"As faithful followers of Christ, we study His teachings and worship together; we sing in the choir, attend Sunday School classes, and volunteer in the nursery; we pay our tithes, support our missionaries, and participate in outreach projects. We invest our lives in people, programs, activities, and instruction of our churches. But surrounding ourselves with church and Christian ideals does not make us devoted disciples. Devoted disciples make Christ their passion, their mission, their motivation; they carry Christ everywhere they go."

That is what being a disciple is about. The SDMI emphasis scheduled for March 12-April 16 (Easter) is designed to help participants make a difference in today's world by being the best disciples and disciplemakers they can be. Through the Strategic Discipleship Methods and Ideas section, you can select the best nuggets of ideas/activities that will help your Sunday School classes and small groups be the best disciplemaking groups possible.

While dates have been suggested, flexibility is key to a successful emphasis. The Strategic Discipleship Methods and Ideas document was prepared to give small and large churches flexibility in planning their emphasis. Using the general theme, *"Discipleship: Journeying Together with Jesus,"* each church can select the weekly focus that is most applicable for them: Prayer, Bible Reading, Workplace & School Outreach, Encouragement, Service, and Fellowship.

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