

## Discipleship Expectations Guide at BCC

<b>General Expectations</b>	<p>Discipleship is not a course but a journey. Be willing to walk a journey with the person you are discipling which could take months or years.</p> <p>Nurture a genuine heart for the person you will disciple and be intentional about it; it's not just coffee and a chat.</p> <p>A willingness to give of your time and to meet and communicate regularly in-person, online, phone, text.</p> <p>Model Christian behaviour and character. Uphold DARING Values <a href="https://www.bcc.church/values">https://www.bcc.church/values</a></p> <p>When you don't know the answers to questions, be prepared to find out (or point to resources)</p> <p>Commitment: to pray for your disciple in your own time and to your own personal growth.</p>
<b>Operating with Integrity and Wisdom</b>	<p>Discipleship is not counselling. If you and your disciplee realise there is an issue that is outside of your discipleship remit and think they would benefit from unpacking it with a professionally trained therapist, seek advice from a member of the BCC team to discuss avenues.</p> <p>Females and males should disciple people of their own gender.</p> <p>Choose a place to meet which is suitable for you both in terms of facilitating authentic conversation and opportunities to pray together.</p> <p>Honour confidentiality to ensure trust is developed and maintained leading to transparency in your discipleship relationship.</p> <p>Regarding Safeguarding: for guides (e.g. Quick Guide and Best Practice) and contact details go to: <a href="http://www.bcc.church/safeguarding">www.bcc.church/safeguarding</a> . BCC's Safeguarding Officer is Eliyo Ajiboye.</p>
<b>Practicalities</b>	<p>Initial meet-up to get to know each other and both decide if you want to pursue discipleship together. Agree a time period e.g. 12 weeks and at the end of that time review and agree next steps to continue or not.</p> <p>Meet for one hour regularly – weekly/bi-weekly/monthly. Initially you may meet regularly but as the disciplee grows in maturity their need for frequent meetings may lessen (although staying connected is an important aspect of discipleship).</p> <p>See the BCC Framework <a href="http://www.bcc.church/discipleship-resources">http://www.bcc.church/discipleship-resources</a> for a step-by-step breakdown of the suggested discipleship journey.</p>