

## **Development Phase Selected: Maturing**

You selected the statement, "I am partnering with God to help others grow in openness and obedience to Christ."

Wow! You are in an amazing place in the journey of living your life as Jesus taught. You have reached a point in the journey where your life is centered on Jesus. You want to think like Jesus, act like Jesus, and engage the world like Jesus.

But, more than that, you have discovered that life as a disciple is not just about you and your personal growth. The end-goal of the discipleship journey is not just for you to be transformed, but also for you to help others discover how God wants to transform their lives. In ways that make sense for you, you are partnering with others, pouring your life into theirs so they can discover the fullness of life that God offers.

### **What's Next?**

First of all, continue to grow yourself. In a sense we never really 'arrive.' We continue to grow into the likeness of Christ as we grow to understand what that means for our lives. It is out of this continuing growth that we develop the understandings to help others in their growth.

Having reached the point in the journey where you are pouring your life into others, you may find it helpful to receive training in some tools for doing this more effectively. For example, there are training programs offered for discipleship coaching, spiritual direction, and mentoring that give you a skill set to lead others in their spiritual journey more effectively.

Most congregations long for spiritual leaders who can provide the kind of partnerships that help people grow as disciples.

### **Suggested Resources**

If you like to read and study for personal development, we suggest the following resources:

Faith Coaching, by Chad Hall, Bill Copper and Kathryn McElveen

Coaching for Christian Leaders, by Linda J. Miller and Chad W. Hall