

**ADVANTAGES OF DISCIPLESHIP  
FOR  
THE PASTOR'S SPOUSE**

1. Provides **deep friendships**.
2. Provides **support** from a group that can care for and encourage the spouse.
3. Provides **accountability**
4. Provides confidence and focus for **understanding one's role(s)**.
5. **Releases the spouse** from the “business as usual” approach to roles within the church. Sensitivity, patience, and time is needed here.
6. Allows the spouse to have a **significant ministry** and at the same time maintain self-integrity.
7. Provides a **model for ministry** that can be used with any **gift mix**.
8. Provides a tool for ministry that helps others **experience God using them** as they begin discipling others.
9. Raises up **new leaders**.
10. Provides a new paradigm for **lay involvement** in ministry that is easily understood and repeated.