

The Art of Discipleship

Envisioning

**Insourcing: Bringing Life-On-Life Discipleship
Back To The Local Church**

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INTRODUCTION

The Priority (Of Health)

To be healthy, a church must be intentional about:

1. Making disciples (unbelief to belief)
2. Training disciples (belief to maturity)
3. Developing leaders (maturity to leadership)

To be intentional about taking people from unbelief to leadership requires an effective plan to do so.

TRAINING DISCIPLES

The Problem

(Within The Modern Church)

The present-day church (for the most part) has embraced an ineffective plan for making and training disciples.

Mature and Equipped Followers of Christ

1. are living consistently under the control of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Word of God, and the motivation of the love of Christ,
2. have discovered, developed and are using their spiritual gifts,
3. have learned to effectively share their faith, in a winsomely engaging way,
4. give evidence of being
 - a faithful member of God's church
 - an effective manager of life, relationships and resources,
 - a willing minister to others including "the least of these", and
 - an available messenger to non-Kingdom people, and
5. demonstrate a life characterized as
 - gospel driven,
 - worship focused,
 - morally pure,
 - evangelistically bold,
 - discipleship grounded,
 - family faithful, and
 - socially responsible.

The Solution

(To The Church's Problem)

Life On Life, laboring in the lives of a few is God's master plan for making mature and equipped followers of Christ.

1. Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship is defined as:
“Laboring in the lives of a few with the intention of imparting one’s life and God’s truth in such a way as to see them become mature and equipped followers of Christ, committed to doing the same in the lives of others.”

2. Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship requires:
 1. a qualified leader,
 2. a faithful few, willing to follow,
 3. intentionality regarding making mature and equipped followers of Christ, and
 4. doing the right things to make mature and equipped followers of Christ.

What are the “right things” necessary to make mature and equipped followers of Christ?

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Without Life on Life Discipleship, we run the risk of producing immature believers at best and disillusioned learners at worst.

Life Learnings

(8 Important Words)

1. Selection

2. Multiplication

3. Operating System (T.E.A.M.S.)

4. Curriculum (The Journey)

THE JOURNEY

Master Curriculum - 3 Year Overview

Section	Section Title	Curriculum Title	Week	Unit Name/Subtitle
1	Gospel Living	Glory, Grace, Truth The Gospel Living opens each of The Journey annual curriculums: Blue, Green, and Red	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 Glory - Why We Embrace Christ: Finding the Missing Piece that Satisfies 2 Glory - How We Embrace Christ: Embracing Christ in Personal Worship 3 Grace - Why We Embrace the Cross: Learning to Rightly Relate to God 4 Grace - How We Embrace the Cross: Embracing the Cross through Spirit-filled Living 5 Truth - Why We Embrace the Word: Following God's Path to Full Glory 6 Truth - How We Embrace the Word: Living as Ambassadors to a Broken World
2	Grace Commitments	A Commitment to the Local Church A Commitment to Generous Living A Commitment to the Lord's Day & His Sacraments	1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4	1 The Local Church, Part 1: A Needed Authority for Kingdom People 2 The Local Church, Part 2: A Safe Home for Kingdom People 3 The Local Church, Part 3: A Mission to Non-Kingdom People 4 The Local Church, Part 4: An Equipping Station for Kingdom People 1 Generous Living is an Evidence of: Your Level of Contentment 2 Generous Living is an Evidence of: Your Choice of Investment 3 Generous Living is an Evidence of: Your Motive of Worship 4 Generous Living is an Evidence of: Your Demonstration of Faith 1 The Lord's Day, Part 1: The One Day in Seven Pattern of Life 2 The Lord's Day, Part 2: A Sabbath Made for Man 3 The Sacrament of Baptism: The Initial Sign of the New Covenant 4 The Sacrament of the Lord's Table: A Promise, A Picture, A Memory
3	Knowing God	The Supremacy of God The Tri-unity of God The Goodness of God	1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3	1 The Sovereignty of God: Limitless Power, Perfect Knowledge, Absolute Authority 2 The Spirituality of God: Transcendent, Omnipresent, Immanent 3 The Immutability of God: Unchangeable, Eternal Perfection 1 The First Person of the One God: The Father in whom, and For Whom We Live 2 The Second Person of the One God: The Son Through Whom We Live 3 The Third Person of the One God: The Spirit Who Lives in Us 1 The Righteousness of God: The Standard of Moral Perfection 2 The Love of God: For All People, and for His People 3 God's Forgiveness: Priceless, Costly and Free
4	Healthy Marriage	Understanding Your God-Given Roles Before and After you Say "I do" Learning to Resolve Conflict	1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4	1 Male and Female: How God Designed Your Spouse 2 Headship and Submission: How God Designed Marriage 3 Love: How Husbands Fulfill Their Role in Marriage 4 Respect: How Wives Fulfill Their Role in Marriage 1 The Myths about Marriage: It's probably not what you think it is 2 The Mystery of Marriage: The Search for Oneness 3 Avoiding the Fatal Attraction: The Best Hope of a Lasting Love 4 When you Encounter a Stalemate: Living in a Relational Log Jam 1 Embracing a Spirit of Reconciliation: What the Gospel has to do w/ Resolving Conflict 2 10 Rules for Resolving Conflict: Demonstrating a Spirit of Reconciliation, Part 1 3 10 Rules for Resolving Conflict: Demonstrating a Spirit of Reconciliation, Part 2 4 10 Rules for Resolving Conflict: Demonstrating a Spirit of Reconciliation, Part 3

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5	Biblical Worldview	A Commitment to the Local Church	1	The Truth About Science & the Bible: Which Truth Should You Believe?
			2	Before the Design: There was a Designer
			3	The Facts of Life: Did Darwin Get Them Right?
			4	The Image of God: Why You Are More Than Just a Smart Mammal
			5	Knowing Your Place in God's World: Seeing Yourself Through The Designer's Eyes
			6	The Sanctity of a Life: What the Gospel Says About Human Value
			7	What in the World are You Doing? Fulfilling the Purpose for Which You Were Designed
		A Commitment to Generous Living	1	The Descent Into Depravity: Why We Need A Redeemer
			2	The Consequences of the Fall: Sin and Misery in a Broken World
			3	Running from Temptation: Pursuing Righteousness to Avoid Sin
			4	Accepting Suffering, Part 1: How God is Involved in Your Pain
			5	Accepting Suffering, Part 2: Waiting for Deliverance from Pain
			6	Accepting Suffering, Part 3: The Christian's Response to Pain
			7	Not of the World, but Sent Into It: Living as Christ's Followers in a Fallen World
		A Commitment to the Lord's Day & His Sacraments	1	Justification & Adoption: God Will Never Condemn His Children
			2	Assurance of Salvation: Knowing to Whom You Belong
			3	Sanctification: How God Makes His People Holy
			4	Glorification: The Destruction of Death and Perfection of God's People
			5	The Second Coming of Christ: The End of the Age
			6	The Millennium: The Present Reign of Christ
			7	The Final Judgment & New Heavens and Earth: Fulfilling the Promise of the Gospel
6	God Honoring Parenting	Making Your Home All it was Meant to Be	1	Your Home As A School
			2	Your Home As A Hospital
			3	Your Home As A Mission
			4	Your Home As A Church
		Guidelines for Parenting	1	Adopting a Balanced Philosophy: Discovering God's Motive and Goal in Discipline
			2	Applying a Balanced Philosophy, Part 1: Principles of Instruction
			3	Applying a Balanced Philosophy, Part 2: Principles of Preventive Discipline
			4	Applying a Balanced Philosophy, Part 3: Principles of Corrective Discipline
		Engaging Your Child's Heart	1	Focusing on the Right Target: Influencing the Heart of Your Child
			2	Understanding the Competition: Dealing with Cultural Influences
			3	The Power of Parental Influence: For Better or For Worse
			4	Will I See My Children in Heaven? What Every Parent Longs to Know

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5. Coaching

6. Balance

7. Intentionality

8. Missional (Making Disciples)

MAKING DISCIPLES

The Typical Omission

(Training Disciples To Make Disciples)

Unless Life-on-Life Discipleship is missional in its focus and training, we run the risk of producing weak believers at best and impotent believers at worst.

Discipleship is missional when equipping and training the participant:

1. To have a Kingdom mindset where they live, work & Play (mindset)

2. To have missional tools which are both biblically based and effective. (toolset)
 - Toolbelt (Importance Of Tools)
 - 4 Types of Tools
 - 1) Introductory Tools
 - 2) Primary Tools
 - 3) Support Tools
 - 4) Follow-Up Tools

 - A 3 Step Strategy (G.B.I.)
 - 1) Greet
 - 2) Befriend
 - 3) Invite

 - 3 Types of Invitation

- 1) Read
- 2) Attend
- 3) Investigate

a. Tools designed with the belief that God does the converting using His tool, the Bible.

b. Tools which created a forum to address the questions that non-believers are asking (and do so by allowing for multiple appointment conversations rather than single appointment presentations).

- How can Christians believe that the Bible is God's Word without error?
- How can Christians believe that all people, including moral, religious people who are not Christians, deserve to be separated from God for all eternity?
- How can Christians believe that of all the religious leaders who have ever lived, that Jesus is the only way to God?
- If there is merit to Christianity's answer to these first three questions, then what does Jesus say is required to have eternal life?

c. Tools which are relevant to the culture in which they live.

- tract (1-D)
- monologue (2-D) – Single appointment presentation designed for prepared people.
- dialogue (3-D) – Multiple appointment conversations designed for unprepared people.

d. Tools which respect the two greatest desires of an interested seeker:

- brevity
- privacy

3. To have intentionality about identifying their most fruitful mission field.
(workshop)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. What is the difference between a Journey Group and a traditional small group?

Small Group

1. Leader moderates / teaches
2. Members can come without preparation
3. Members don't have to come if inconvenient
4. Members come to get
5. Members don't have to be missional
6. Members have no obligation when they leave the group
7. Members can be in a group as long as the group exists
8. Group uses ever changing curriculum

Journey Group

1. Leaders labor in the lives of members to take to maturity & equipping
2. Members must show up prepared
3. Members show up, prepared, even when inconvenient
4. Members come to get in order to give away to others
5. Members are held accountable to be missional
6. Members are expected to lead others when they leave the group
7. Members are in a group up to three years max
8. Group uses the same curriculum repeatedly

2. Where do I find other Life-On-Life resources?

What Is Life On Life Missional Discipleship? (video)

<https://lifeonlife.org/>

Life on Life Resources: <https://lifeonlife.org/resources/>

Discipleship Foundations

The Journey

The Answer

Life Issues Booklets

INsourcing: Bringing Discipleship Back To The Local Church

Express Your Faith Kit

The Journey – Gospel Living

Next Step Booklets

The Intentional Church

Finding Your Million Dollar Mate

Life On Life Training Process (video & link for info call)

<https://lifeonlife.org/training/>

The Journey (testimonies & resources)

<https://lifeonlife.org/resources/the-journey/>

Express Your Faith: (<https://lifeonlife.org/resources/express-2/>)

The Diagram video

Randy Pope Interview with The Gospel Coalition:

Deep Before Wide: A Vision For Returning Discipleship To The Church

<https://vimeo.com/65324877>

Questions From The Floor

CONCLUSION