



BUILDING A DISCIPLE
MAKING PATHWAY

“Therefore go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to **obey everything** I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

"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

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1st Generation → **Paul**

2nd Generation → **Instructs Timothy**

3rd Generation → **Invest in reliable people**

4th Generation → **Qualified to teach others**

Every follower of Jesus
should be **actively**
reproducing.

- ▶ Process is **simple**.
- ▶ Curriculum is the **Bible**.
- ▶ Teacher is the **Holy Spirit**.
- ▶ Priority is **obedience**.
- ▶ Result is **multiplication**

DISCUSSION

5 KEY HABITS

- ▶ Daily **Bible** engagement.
- ▶ **Journal** what you are hearing.
- ▶ Personal **reflection** (daily heart exam).



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- ▶ **Prayer** (reflecting back to God).
- ▶ **Share** with others.



THE PROCESS

- ▶ **Select** disciples.
- ▶ Make the **invitation**.
- ▶ **Interactive** Bible reading.



THE PROCESS

- ▶ **Accountability.**
- ▶ **Pray** for others.



SPACES

- ▶ Public (100+)
- ▶ Social Space (20-70)
- ▶ Personal Space (6-12)
- ▶ Transparent (vulnerable) Space (2-4/5)



“A discipleship pathway is a way of organizing all the discipleship-related systems in your church into one broader system”

Daniel Im

“No Silver Bullets”

ONGOING

What spaces are needed?

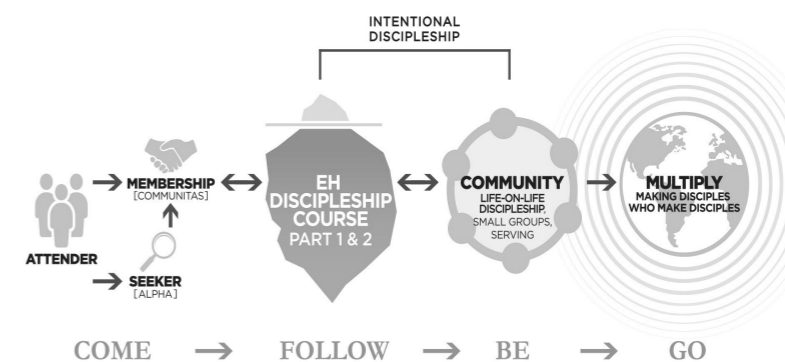
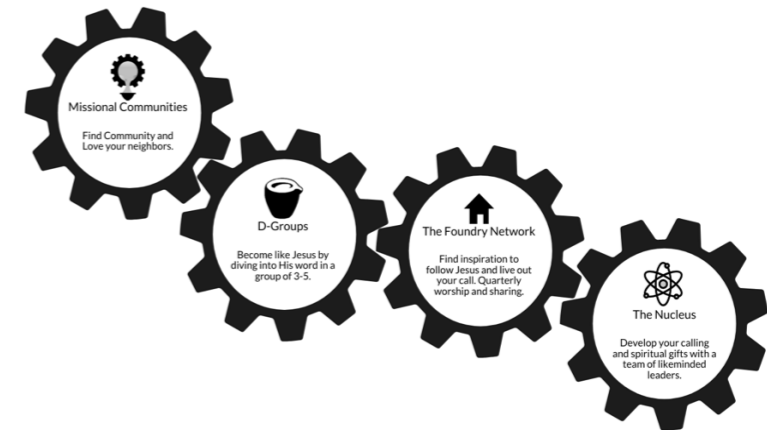
- Consider the different spaces you want to include in your pathway and ask...
- What are you calling that space? How frequently will it meet? What is the purpose? What happens in each space? What does the content look like?



ORDER

What order is best?

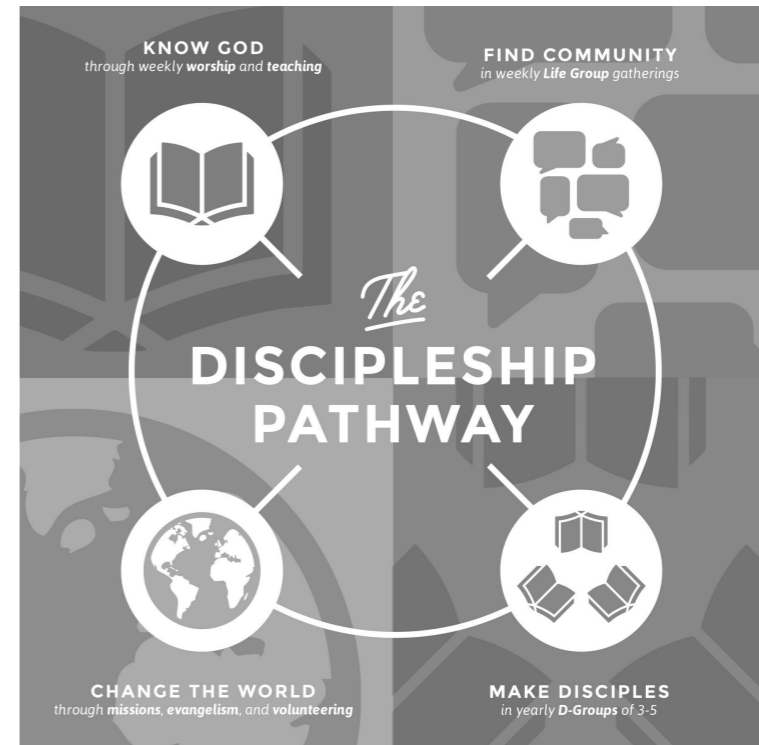
- Once you have established the spaces and their name, frequency, purpose, and content, consider the preferred order.
- What is the first space you want people to engage? Traditionally, this often moves from the larger spaces to the smaller, but this is changing.



ONRAMPS

What are the onramps?

- Onramps are a very important part of any discipleship pathway. They help us get engaged in each of the spaces. A good discipleship pathway will have very clear onramps into each of the spaces.
- It's also important to include a final element into your discipleship pathway to help people navigate the process.



Discipleship Pathway

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Public Space

Order: 1st
Name: Celebration Services (150+ people)
Frequency: Weekly (Sundays @ 10:00 am)
Purpose: Know God
Content: Worship, Teaching, Testimony, Sacraments
Onramp: Four major outreach events a year to engage the lost and build relationships. We train our people to share meals with friends.

Social Space

Order: 2nd
Name: Life Groups (20-30 people)
Frequency: 2nd and 4th Sunday night
Purpose: Find Community
Content: Shared meal, prayer and care time, sermon-based questions
Onramp: Focused announcement each week in public worship with specific next step for connecting into Life Groups. Campaigns in August and January.

Transparent Space

Order: 3rd
Name: D-Groups (3-5 people)
Frequency: Weekly
Purpose: Make Disciples (Discipleship, Scripture Reading, Confession)
Content: You Version reading plan with customized questions for their church
Onramp: Promote at every Life Group gathering. LG members and leaders look inside group and outside church to start groups.

Personal Space 4th

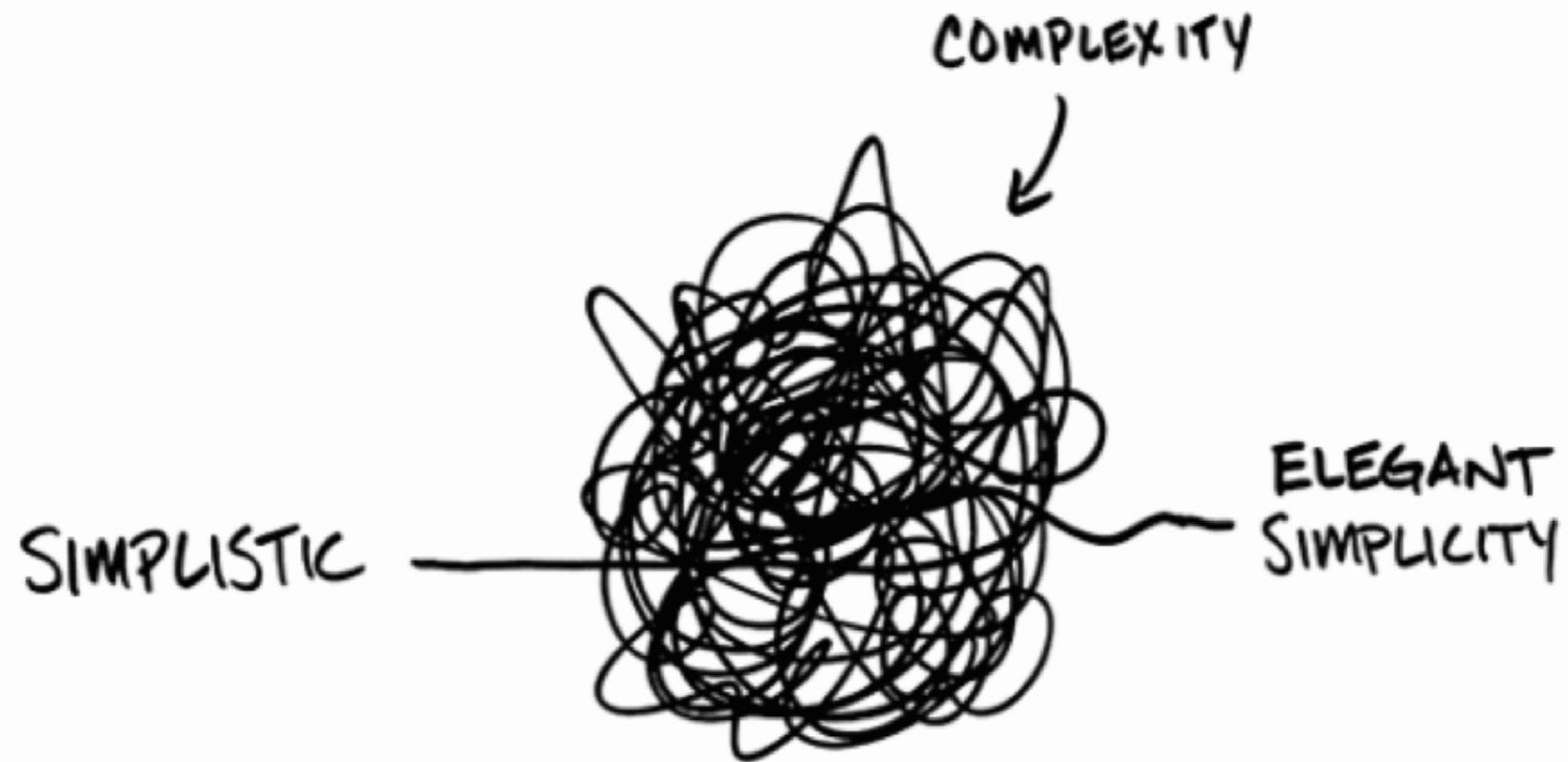
Name: Discipleship Training School (8-10 people)
Frequency: Monthly
Purpose: Change the World (mission, evangelism, development)
Content: Worship, focused training, prayer
Onramp: Hand selected by staff and leadership team

One Time

Name: Alpha
Frequency: Every four months
Purpose: Understand the gospel in community and prepare for life groups
Content: Alpha Curriculum
Onramp: Announce in celebration services.

Picture of Pathway





Discipleship Pathway Examples



PUBLIC
WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

COMMUNITY
GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP
CIRCLES



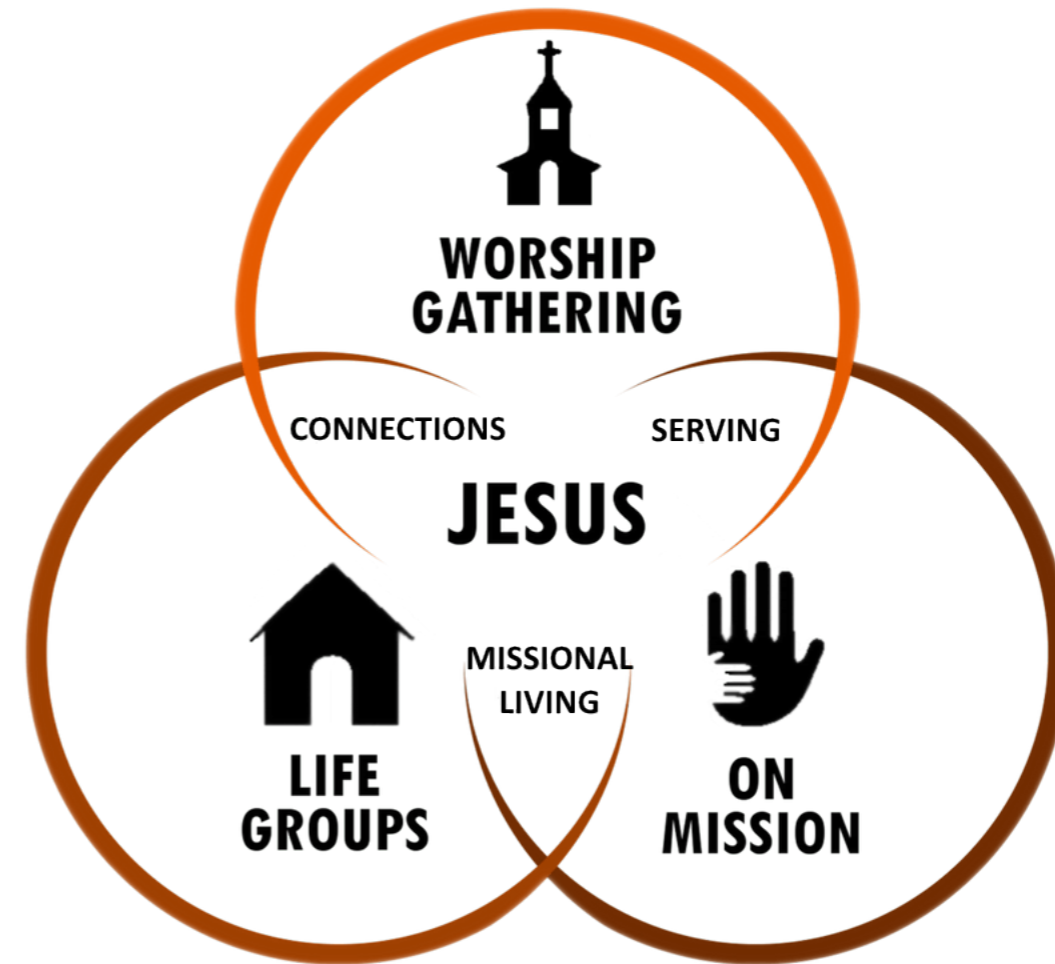
THE GAME PLAN

A TRANSFORMATIVE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



OUR PATHWAY

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES





DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

WHERE
PURPOSE
AND
PEOPLE
CONNECT



River's Edge Church

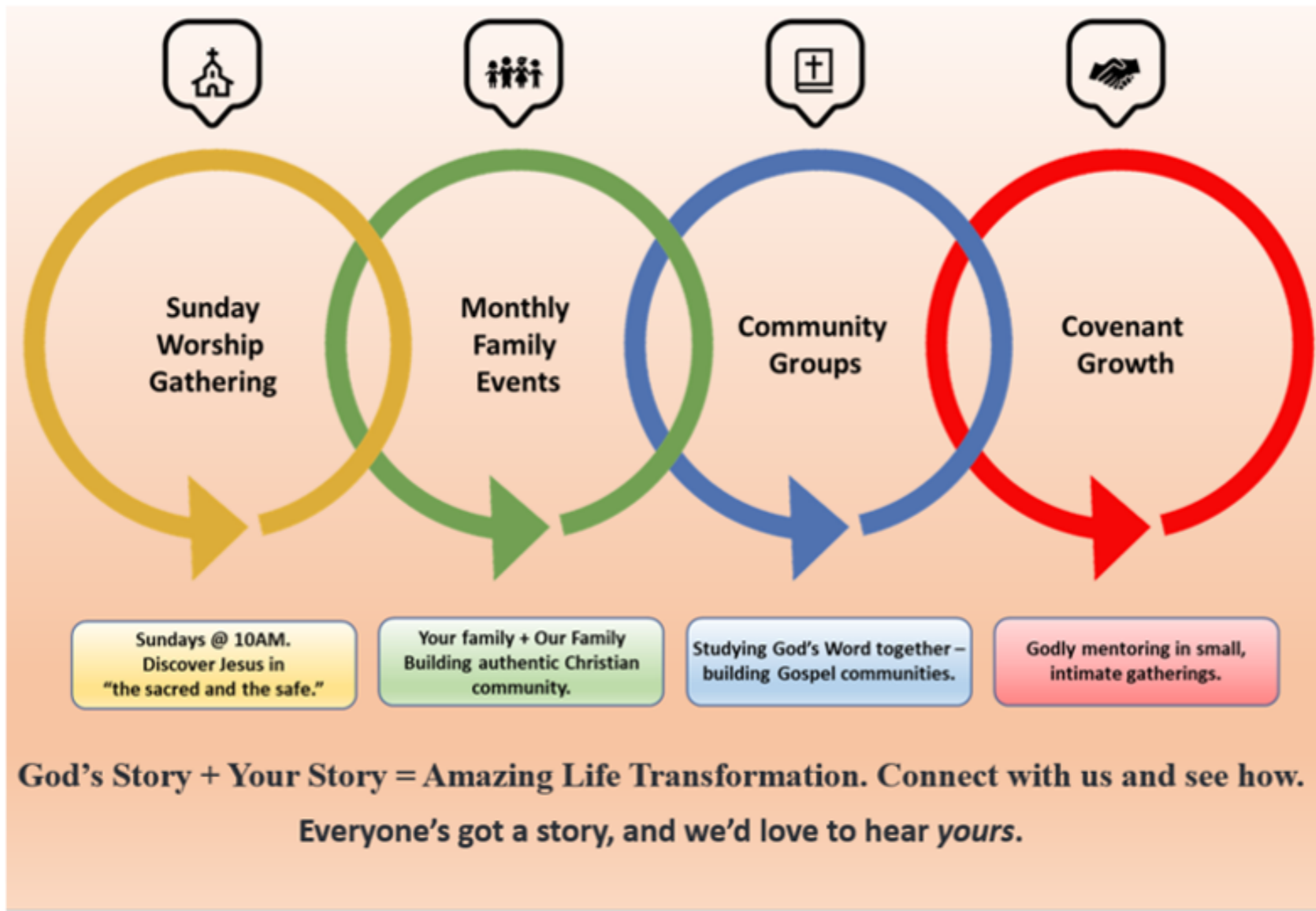
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REACH RAISE RELEASE

Matthew 28:19-20





5 CIRCLES OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

ME
AND
JESUS

2-3
GATHERED

HOUSE
TO
HOUSE

CHURCH
GATHERED

MISSION
IN THE
WORLD

- ▶ Where are you at in the process of developing your discipleship pathway?
- ▶ What will be your biggest challenge in helping your congregation become a disciple-making church?