

Discipleship Curriculum Goals

Curriculum Doesn't Make Disciples – People Make Disciples

New City Church gives discipleship group leaders freedom to take any approach as long as the following Plan and Benchmarks are achieved.

THE PLAN

This is our plan to develop disciples who take responsibility for growth in grace. There are five essential ingredients for life change encapsulated within the **T.E.A.M.S.** acronym.

Truth

Truth is that which God has revealed for his people to know, understand, and obey. A grasp of the truth is essential to any Christian's development.

Equipping

Knowledge alone is not sufficient; a believer must be able to use and apply God's truth. Equipping is massaging God's truth into life so that it becomes understandable and usable.

Accountability

A believer may have a grasp of the truth and be equipped to use it, but it is only with accountability that we will follow through. Accountability is being asked hard questions in order to promote godly behavior and to support and encourage group members on their spiritual journey.

Mission

Mission provides motivation to put truth, equipping, and accountability into use. The mission is to engage the lost world with the intention of imparting the gospel. Every meeting, group members should be asked mission questions to encourage them to relate to not-yet-believers and seek opportunities to share the gospel.

We desire for our discipleship groups to be burdened (in a good way) by a desire to share the gospel with not-yet-believers. A consistent time of accountability and prayer, focused solely on growing in evangelism is way more effective than reading another book about it. In fact, we strongly encourage group leaders to devote a full 1/4th of every meeting to this.

Of course, there are other aspects to the mission than simple evangelism. The gospel can be demonstrated and proclaimed through serving together as well, though never to the exclusion of an intentional practice of personal evangelism.

Supplication

Prayer is the support of all truth, equipping, accountability, and mission because ultimately our spiritual maturity is a result of God's work. We must not presume that any plan or process (or group) is the secret to spiritual growth.

THE BENCHMARKS

When deciding which direction to take a group it can be helpful to review this list of essential topics that need to be addressed in the formation of a mature disciple. (Adapted from The Lost Art of Disciple Making - LeRoy Eims)

- Assurance of Salvation
- Quiet Time
- Victory Over Sin
 - a. Separation from Sin
 - b. Depravity
- Need for Grace
- The Bible
 - a. Hearing the Word
 - b. Reading the Word
 - c. Bible Study
 - d. Scripture Memory
 - e. Meditation on the Word
 - f. Application of the Word
- Christian Fellowship – The Importance of Living in Community
- Prayer
- Lordship of Christ
- Faith
- Love
- The Tongue
- The Use of Time
- The Will of God
- Obedience
- The Holy Spirit
- Satan—Know the Enemy
- Dealing with Sin
- Assurance of Forgiveness
- Second Coming of Christ
- Mission: We All Have a Role to Play in the Advancement of the Gospel
 - a. Winsome Evangelism
 - b. Personal Testimony
- Cultivating Transcultural Relationships
- Living in Grace
- Giving | Generosity
- Global Vision