



Discipleship Pathway

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CORE PRACTICE MEET

Intentionally sharing and doing life together - Life on Life - with other followers of Christ for mutual support, challenge, and encouragement.

KEY VERSE

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WHY DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY?

SOUTHVIEW'S CORE PRACTICES:

- **WORD:** Reading, studying, reflecting on, and memorizing Scripture - the Word of God - to be guided and molded by it.
- **PRAY:** Talking and listening to God about the things on His heart and your heart.
- **MEET:** Intentionally sharing and doing life together - Life on Life – with other followers of Christ for mutual support, challenge, and encouragement.
- **SERVE:** Using the passions and gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit to honour God and express His Kingdom in tangible ways.
- **TELL:** Sharing the Good News of Christ with others in word and action.

FIND SOMEONE WHO...

Find someone who matches each description below and write their name in the corresponding square.

Attended a professional baseball game	Dislikes chocolate	Went camping this summer	Plays a sport	Was born in another country
Has never got a speeding ticket	Wears the same shoe size as you	Has run a marathon	Has a birthday in November	Attends the same weekend service as you
Can speak more than one language	Is left-handed	Has a pet that is not a dog or a cat	Is wearing mismatched socks	Wears glasses
Has had stitches	Has an older brother	Has green eyes	Has never broken a bone	Is a first responder
Can play a musical instrument	Lives in the same community as you	Works from home	Is the middle child in their family	Drives a Mini Van

TABLE DISCUSSION: (5 MIN)

1. Do you think Christian community is optional for Christians? Why or why not?

TEACHING: DO NOT NEGLECT TO MEET TOGETHER

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How is the idea of Christian community revealed in Scripture?

Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...'"

"At the center of the universe is a community. It is out of that relationship...and for that relationship that you and I were created and redeemed."

Darrell Johnson

We image our triune God in community!

John 17:22-23 "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

“One Another” Passages in Scripture:

- *Outdo one another in showing honor (Rom. 12:10)*
- *Live in harmony with one another (Rom. 12:16)*
- *Admonish one another (Rom. 15:14)*
- *Greet one another with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16)*
- *Wait for one another (1 Cor. 11:33)*
- *Have the same care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25)*
- *Be servants of one another (Gal. 5:13)*
- *Bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2)*
- *Comfort one another (1 Thess. 5:11)*
- *Build one another up (1 Thess. 5:11)*
- *Be at peace with one another (1 Thess. 5:13)*
- *Do good to one another (1 Thess. 5:15)*
- *Put up with one another in love (Eph. 4:2)*
- *Be kind and compassionate to one another (Eph. 4:32)*
- *Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)*
- *Forgive one another (Col. 3:13)*
- *Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)*
- *Pray for one another (James 5:16)*
- *Love one another from the heart (1 Pet. 1:22)*
- *Be hospitable to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)*
- *Meet one another with humility (1 Pet. 5:5)*

Philippians 2:1-2 (MSG) “If you’ve gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care – then do me a favor: agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends.”

What does deep-spirited friendship look like?

- Time together
- Honest communication
- Known

We aren’t going to develop deep-spirited friendships unless we’re spending intentional time with those who sit in the pews beside us. Unless we know their hearts, their needs, their burdens.

Spiritual Formation Happens in Community

Ephesians 4:16 “From [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

God’s Kingdom is about relationship.

Jesus summed up the entire law like this: *Matthew 22:37-40* “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

How we treat others is a reflection of God and His Kingdom: *Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)* “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.”

TABLE DISCUSSION: (10 MIN)

1. In light of this teaching, what do you think the Core practice of Meet could look like in our lives today?

2. What are some barriers that keep you from engaging in intentional life-on-life community with other Christians?

TEACHING: CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY EQUIPS, SHAPES & FORMS US

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- Mutual Support (Care, Love, and Good Works)
 - John 13:34 – *A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*
 - Galatians 6:2 – *Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.*
 - 1 Peter 4:10 – *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.*

- Challenge (Spiritual Growth and Accountability)
 - Proverbs 27:17 – *As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*
 - Eph 4:15-16 – *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

- Encouragement (Persevere in the Faith)
 - 1 Thess. 5:11 – *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*
 - Phil 1:3-6 – *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*
 - Heb 10:24-25 – *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

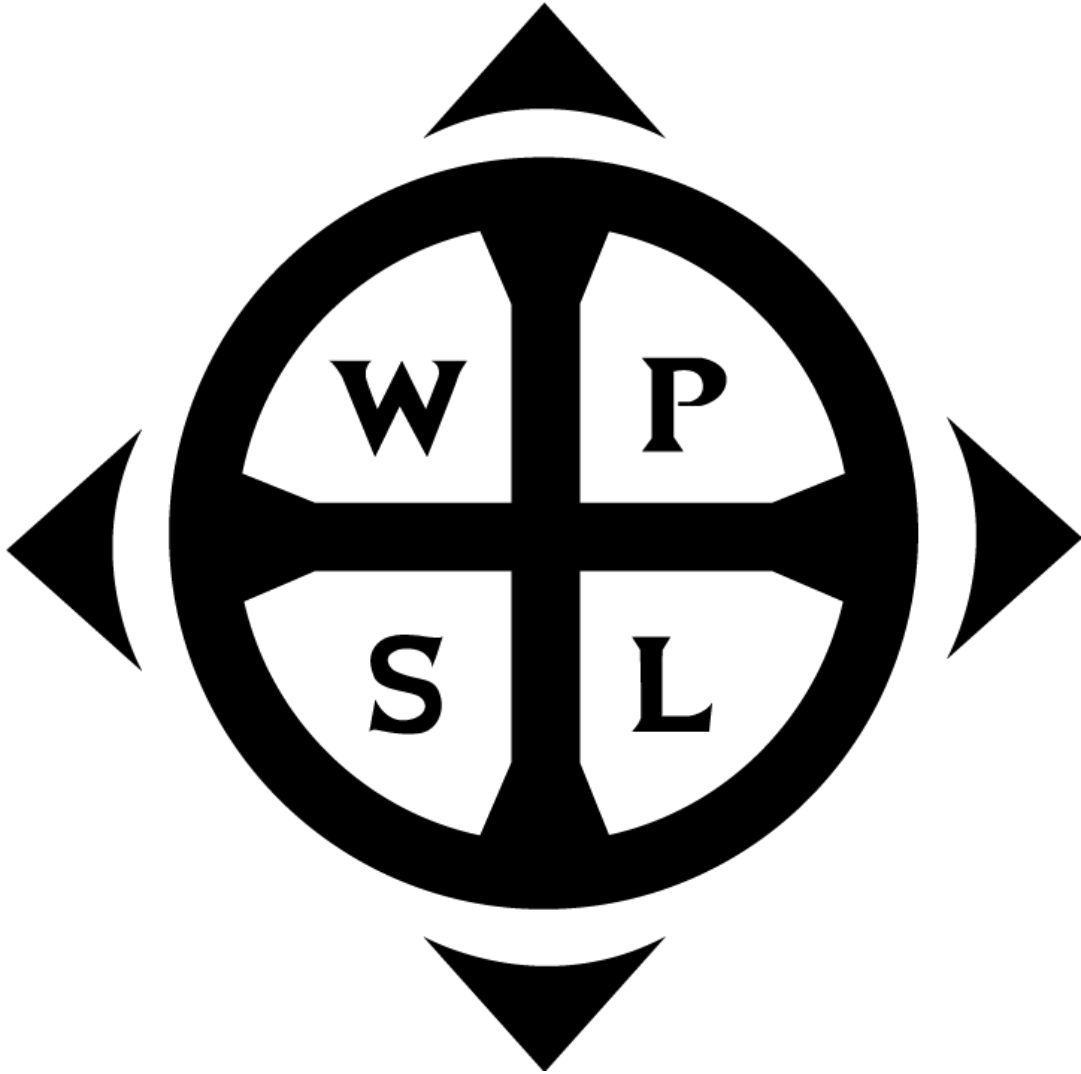
TABLE DISCUSSION & GROUP WORK: (15 MIN)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-21 and discuss the following questions:

1. How does God intend the Body of Christ to function according to this passage?
2. How does verse 21 challenge the prevalent attitude today that we can “do church” on our own?
3. Why do we need each other?
4. How does the core practice of MEET strengthen us to go out and live on mission?

SOUTHVIEW'S SYMBOL:

Luke 6:12-19 – Up, In, Out Relationships



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