

SESSION #1

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES

SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- If the God-given mission of the church is to make disciples who make disciples, then how does Hyde Park Baptist Church accomplish this mission?
- What is a discipleship pathway?
- What if we become distracted with lesser things?
 - 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

HYDE PARK VISION

- Matthew 28:16-20
- Matthew 22:34-40
- Mission Statement
 - “Hyde Park exists to CONNECT all people to God and to each other as we GROW to fully devoted and equipped followers of Christ”

CORE VALUES

- We accomplish our mission and vision of discipleship through excellence in six core values from Acts 2:42-47
 - Prayer, Worship, Bible Teaching, Fellowship, Serving, Multiplication

HYDE PARK DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

- "Hyde Park is a family of Christ followers on mission together"
- What is our mission?
 - **Engage**: Intentionally building relationships with those far from Jesus regardless of lifestyle, creed, religion, or ethnicity.
 - **Evangelize**: Sharing the gospel with those we have loved tangibly with the goal of seeing a person be transformed from from death unto life, from darkness into light.
 - **Establish**: Placement in the local body of Christ through water baptism and become established in the core beliefs of the faith.
 - **Equip**: Preparation for servant leadership in the family, church, community, and beyond.

D-PATHWAY ENGAGEMENT

- Matt. 9:37 “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few”
- Equipping and sending disciples to engage with people who are close to them but far from Jesus.
- Events on and off campus that are designed to engage lost people where they live for the purpose of building a relationship with them and earning the right to share the gospel.
- The fuel for effective discipleship/evangelism is relationships.

D-PATHWAY EVANGELIZE

- Acts 2:38 “and Peter said to them ‘Repent’”
- It is not enough to have people come to our “event” or Sunday morning gathering. Once a connection has been made and fostered, the gospel must be central to all follow up.
- If God leads people to us, should we not follow through and sow gospel seeds?
- Follow up and follow through. “What do you believe about Jesus?”
- Individual involvement, church events, and community engagement with the gospel.
- People need examples to follow concerning evangelism.

D-PATHWAY ESTABLISH

- Matt. 4:19 “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Once a person expresses faith in Jesus, follows with baptism, Starting Point, and the church covenant, they become part of the Hyde Park family.
- Establish them in core doctrines of the faith, how to share the gospel, serving, accountability, learning how to read and understand the Bible, and live in relationship with other believers.
- Small groups and D-groups (more on D-groups later)

D-PATHWAY EQUIP

- John 20:21 “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”
- Growth in faith results in clarity in calling and role within the church body.
- The goal: maturity in Christ
- Sending, multiplying, entering the mission field, evangelism, ministry leadership, and calling to vocational ministry.
- Building servant-leaders who begin new ministries and engage in Great Commission work.
- “I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19)

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