

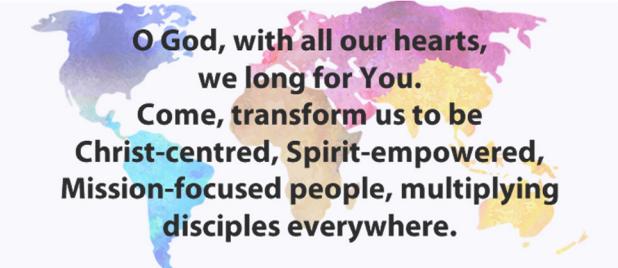
What is a Discipleship Plan?

Over the last few years we have become aware of a trend toward apathy in regards to discipleship. Although this trend is not isolated to Parkview, we do not want to sit idly by while it continues. Therefore, we have chosen to be intentional about helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus. We want to strategically and intentionally shift this reality in and through every age group of Parkview's ministries.

This ongoing and continually evolving plan is our desire to lead God's people in greater love for Him and for others. We want to see more people have more opportunities to learn God's Word and our hope is to have a plan that is biblically based and culturally relevant.

Our plan was originally designed in 2012 and recently updated and revised to accommodate the changes and developments in ministry.

C & MA Visionary Prayer



Our Mission:

Loving God and loving others in our church, in our community and in our world.

Our Vision:

Imperfect people sharing hope and love in our community

Discipleship Defined: The ongoing pursuit of becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus as led by the spirit and guided by His Word.

Our Heart: We, as leaders, desire to see people grow in their relationship with Jesus. In fact, this is not simply our desire but part of our biblical mandate as Christian leaders; a mandate we take seriously. As you look at this document, our hope is that you would use it as an evaluative tool in your life and make sure, as a follower of Jesus, that you are doing something in each of the four areas to grow in your faith. Be sure you are Actively Learning, Purposely Practicing, Being in Community and GOing on Purpose. These four components are important ways you grow and it is vital to be growing in each.



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Discipleship Plan





Actively Learn

In order to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, we need to know who God is and what He has said to us through His Word. Therefore, we want to be actively learning God's Word in various ways and to see this happen in every age group at Parkview.

Children: As a vital component in our Sunday KidVenture ministry, we desire to see children actively learn about God and His Word through specific age appropriate teaching. In addition, we will strategically attempt to, through programs and material, engage the entire family with the goal of empowering parents to disciple their children.

Youth: The primary way this is accomplished is through weekly youth programs with a focus on the teaching and application of God's Word. There are opportunities and we encourage our young people to engage in and serve in our weekly Sunday morning worship services.

Adults: The following are the ways we are providing opportunities for Actively Learning.

1. Teaching during our Sunday Morning Worship Service.
2. Regular Immersion Seminars.
3. Small Groups and Lifelong Learning Classes



Purposely Practice

In our busy culture, taking time to read God's Word, to pray regularly and to practice spiritual disciplines often takes a back seat. We desire to see people (of all ages) grow in these important areas. This is an often ignored part of discipleship but it is a vital and Biblical component that needs to be a part of every believer's life and practice.

Children: Through the KidVenture ministry we will encourage Scripture memory, Bible reading and prayer in a way that encourages families to do it together.

Youth and Adults: Through teaching, resources, retreats, scripture reading plans, corporate prayer, worship, etc., spiritual disciplines will be introduced and practiced. Some resources include our church Library and online resources.

It is our desire to pursue Scripture reading and memorization that is cross generational at Parkview in an effort to encourage our families and our church to be growing together.



Be In Community

We are called to be in authentic Christian Community with other believers to help build us spiritually. We define Christian Community as relationships among believers that are Spirit led, Christ focused and biblically guided that meet regularly and provide accountability. This is part of how we grow, how we are cared for and how we care for others.

Children: This will be facilitated through our KidVenture Ministry, VBS and Summer Camp opportunities.

Youth: We will pursue community through

1. Our weekly Youth program
2. Mentorship Relationships
3. Serving together
4. Edge Youth Drop-in Centre

Adults: Christian community will be encouraged through the following ways:

1. Small Groups are our primary means of accomplishing this. Small Groups occur in a variety of formats including Sunday morning groups, groups that meet in people's homes, gender/topic specific groups, or service orientated groups.
2. Mentoring Relationships where desired and needed.



GO On Purpose

We believe that our mission (Loving God and loving others in our church, in our community and in our world.) is not just something we do as a result of growing in our relationship with God, but it also spurs on growth through practice. Thus, using our spiritual gifts and sharing our faith are key elements to growing in our Christian lives.

In our Church: Every believer has been given gifts to use for the church, and it is our goal to see everyone, regardless of age, knowing, and using their spiritual gifts at Parkview.

In our Community: We want every believer to see their role in the community as someone who brings God's hope and love through all their relationships, words and deeds.

In our World: It is our desire to see people engaged in what God is doing in our world. We desire to see everyone involved, in some way, in the work of our International Workers as well as personally "GOing" and serving. (short term or long term).

