

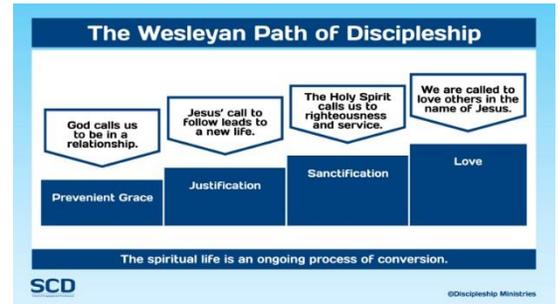
Workshop: Discipleship 11

Name of your Session: Discipleship in the Black Church

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Description

This workshop will look at the unique dynamics of creating discipleship systems in the Black Church context. Material will feature tools from Discipleship Ministries and hands-on examples from Mt. Zion UMC in Washington, DC. Focus on developing intentional discipleship systems and expanding current practices that engage your community.

Content

- What is the discipleship system for your congregation? How are people connecting with God and one another? How are leaders developed in your context? Are you birthing new leaders continually? Spiritual Life of the Leader Template and Spiritual Gifts Inventory
- Launching leadership practices / How are you engaging your community in leadership?
- The discipleship practices of Mt. Zion UMC http://www.mtzionumcdc.org/im_new_here.aspx
- Prayers and celebrations with leaders at all levels; church, home, community, and beyond.

Scripture Focus - Joshua 1:1-9 The Message (MSG)

¹⁻⁹ After the death of Moses the servant of GOD, GOD spoke to Joshua, Moses' assistant:

“Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people. Cross to the country I'm giving to the People of Israel. I'm giving you every square inch of the land you set your foot on—just as I promised Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon east to the Great River, the Euphrates River—all the Hittite country—and then west to the Great Sea. It's all yours. All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you. Strength! Courage! You are going to lead this people to inherit the land that I promised to give their ancestors. Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! **Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take.**”

Notes to see: Transitions in leadership. Be courageous. Lead the people that I gave you.

- What are your fears, hopes, and dreams for discipleship in your community / congregation?

Resources

- Free downloadable resources: <https://www.seeallthepeople.org/resources-downloads/>



- Spiritual Life of the Leader Template: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/spiritual-life-template>

Discipleship Resources – What are you reading to inform your discipleship development?

- Name (3 or 4) Authors to expand your reach; why are you reading their materials?
 - Dr. Sheron C. Patterson – personal leadership insights
 - Dr. Joseph Daniels – urban leadership and community development
 - Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr. – Transforming Community
 - Rev. Junius Dotson – Engaging Your Community
- Small group ministry groups / personal accountable groups – How is it with your soul?
- Community Engagement Practices / Serving with the community – embracing needs
- How are you celebrating leadership transitions? Passing the baton includes: _____

What are your “take it back with you” moments?

- What is my context and commitment to disciple-making? Who can help me start?
- Timeline: How can lay servants, Sunday School and mid-week teams work together?
- Lean into *your passion* as you start developing leaders to move with you. Discern where God is calling you to go! Who are the “12 persons” that God is partnering you with on this journey? Discipleship is _____ (define your Discipleship goals)

Word & Quotes: Define Momentum, Launch, Disciple, Worship, Multiply in your terms!

“My name is _____ and I am momentum! Moving ahead to _____ with Jesus Christ.”

Launching a Discipleship System: Discipline + Discernment + Discovery + Disciple-making!