



Workshop: Disciple 10
 Discipling Systems
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Why Disciple?

Our Culture is POST Christian and POST Church

If Christianity is going to grow and maybe even exist in America in the next two generations we will need to teach people what it means to be followers of Christ and what a Christ community looks like. This is the very definition of discipleship.

What Discipleship system should we NOT use?

The one that we have been using for the last 100 years.....Sunday School, confirmation, youth group, graduation. This is the 15 year model of teaching and formation that has served us well when the vast majority of people were cradle Christians and we were afforded the luxury of having 15 years to train them up. This does not work with the 50 year old who has no Christian experience but has been awakened by the God of prevenient grace.

What Discipleship system SHOULD we use?

To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some.

1 Corinthians 9:20-22

There is not one, there is many...not many because of different contexts, but many in every context. People in the same context learn differently, have different needs and respond to different stimuli...if you want to reach a variety of people in your ministry context you are going to have to have a variety of discipling systems. Here are a few examples:

CONTENT RICH -- what are the things that people need to learn (here is one example)

- *The Alpha Course* (develops a foundational understanding of the Christian faith)
- *Disciple Bible Study, Invitation to the New Testament* (develops a foundational knowledge of the primary source of the Church)
- *Financial Peace University* (develops an understanding of how God has financially blessed us and a positive plan for being a blessing to ourselves, our family and others)
- *Spiritual Gifts Assessment & Course* (develops an understanding of how each person is gifted and targets specific ways to share those gifts)
- *Unbinding the Gospel* (develops understanding, gifts & tools for evangelism)

Experiential – what are the experiences of the heart & soul that will bring people towards God
Come to the Waters: Baptism and Our Ministry of Welcoming Seekers and Making Disciples, (The Christian Initiation Series, Oct 1, 2003,) by Daniel T. Benedict Jr.

Hybrid Plans per context

1.



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WHICH I AM I...?

GETTING STARTED Christian Education

Welcome to the ministry of **Christian Education and Adult Discipleship**. At FUMCCV, we believe that this ministry is the foundation for lifelong learning and growth toward a mature and vital faith. With intentional learning, we become the people God calls us to be, and we develop gifts and strengths for encouraging and leading others. Whether you are a brand new Christian or already walk daily with Christ, you can find a course below to strengthen your faith journey.

I am BRAND NEW to FUMCCV.	I am a NEW CHRISTIAN .	I am ready to GO DEEPER ...	I am ready to be a FULLY COMMITTED follower.	I am READY TO WALK daily with Christ.
Brand New Inquirers Course Methodism 101	New Christian Bible 101 Spiritual Disciplines Course Alpha Disciple I	Go Deeper Bible 102 Disciple I Disciple II Disciple III Spiritual Gifts Course Join a 6Wk Study Class	Fully Committed Financial Peace University Evangelism Course Leadership & Development Course Lay Servant Course Emmanuel Retreats	Ready to Walk Join a life group meeting weekly with other like-minded people for study, fellowship, service and encouragement.

3. Membership Covenant Question -- Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?

Develop 5 stewardship Campaigns every year one focused on each of the above commitments, in each series preach on it, have some classes on it, have some experiences around it and give people an opportunity to respond to a number of ways they will live out the particular area in the next year.

The Essentials of Every Plan
Clear Process, Primary Focus, 1v1 Discpling