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Transforming Christian Education

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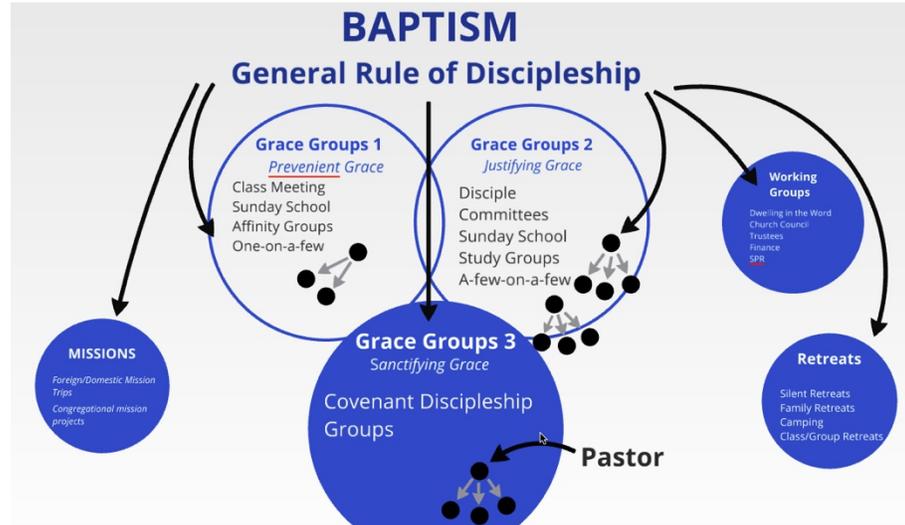
Description:

Every church needs an intentional means of making disciples. No matter the size of your congregation you can help people deepen their relationship with God and live more fully into God's desire for them. This won't happen by accident, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming.

Content

1. Define our terms
 - a. Small Church
 - b. Discipleship
 - i. General Rule of Discipleship
 1. Compassion, Justice, Devotion, Worship
2. Missional – Anthropologist Mindset
 - a. Missional
 - i. What is God up to in this place and with these people?
 - b. Culture
 - i. Formal or informal?
 - ii. Democratic or hierarchical?
 - iii. Suburban or rural?
 - iv. Dog or Cat
 - c. Language
 - i. Discipleship
 - ii. United Methodist
 - iii. Identity
 - d. Resources
 - i. Gifts
 - ii. Pastor's Advice: "Build upon rather than impart."
3. Relational
 - a. "Don't care what you know till they know you care."
 - b. Pastor's Advice: "Set expectations appropriately. What can reasonably be accomplished?"
4. Wesleyan
 - a. Connectional
 - i. Nearby, District, Conference, Agency

- ii. Pastor's Advice: "Pay attention to denominational (DM) resources."
 - iii. It's about the work we can do together, not about what you receive
- b. Wesleyan – Balanced Discipleship
- i. Grace Groups



- ii.
- iii. Equipping over programs

5. Reflection & Resources

- a. "We have forgotten that God's future often emerges in the most inauspicious places. If we let our imagination be informed by this realization, it will be obvious that we need to lead in ways that are different from those of a CEO, an entrepreneur, a super leader with a wonderful plan for the congregation's life. Instead we need leaders with the capacity to cultivate an environment that releases the missional imagination of the people of God." The Missional Leader p. 21

b. Resources

- i. See All the People Resources
- ii. Disciples Making Disciples by Steve Manskar
- iii. Everyday Disciples by Chris Wilterdink
- iv. Growing Everyday Disciples by Melanie Gordon, Susan Groseclose, and Gayle Quay
- v. Building a Discipleship Culture by Mike Breen
- vi. A Failure of Nerve by Edwin Friedman