

A Pattern of Discipleship

Encouraging believers towards a lifetime of faithful collaboration with God in His Kingdom

The Gospel

JESUS, HIS LIFE AND WORK

KNOWING GOD

God is gracious, so I don't need to perform
 God is great, so I don't need to be in control
 God is glorious, so I don't need to fear
 God is good, so I don't need to pursue satisfaction
Are we confessing our lack of trust in God?

LOVING GOD

Loving God for Pleasure's Sake
 Loving God for Love's Sake
 Loving God for God's Sake
Are we growing in our love for God?

LIVING IN GOD'S STORY

Creation - How are things supposed to be?
 Rebellion - What is wrong?
 Rescue - How does it get fixed?
 Restoration - What is going to happen?
Are we living in the movements of God's story?

HEART ORIENTATION

Faith, towards God
 Love, towards people
 Hope, towards God's purposes

The Teachings of Jesus

THE WITH-GOD LIFE

DISCIPLESHIP AS APPRENTICESHIP TO JESUS

Establishing, or confirming, a solid conversion to life with God through ongoing apprenticeship to Christ. (Lk. 8:4-15 & Phil. 3:7-14)
Are we loving Jesus and taking on his life?

CHURCH AS FAMILY

Enfolding our lives into the people of God as local families of faith. (Eph. 2:19-22)
Are we growing in our identity of being loved by God as his family?

MISSION AS HOUSEHOLD

Developing our "households" as outposts of the Kingdom in search of persons of peace. (1 Pt. 2:1-12 & Lk. 10:2-6)
Is God's blessing in our life pouring over into our spheres of influence?

TRUE LIFE AS KNOWING GOD

Growing in being loved and known by God in every aspect of our thinking and living. (Jn. 17:3)
How is God leading us towards true life, and away from illusions of life?

LIFE AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

RELATIONSHIPS AS GOSPEL PROCLAMATIONS

Cultivating redemptive relationships that proclaim our trust in God through love. (Jn. 13:34-35)
Is there an increasingly redemptive spirit of love in all our relationships?

FAMILY AS A LIFESTYLE OF TEACHING

Passing on the life and teachings of Christ in familial relationships and everyday life. (Deut. 6:4-9 & Eph. 6:4)
Are we attentive to God and sharing his goodness with others in our everyday life?

VOCATION AS LIFEWORK

Discerning, with others and the Spirit, the good that God has planned for us to do in blessing our "neighbors" and city. (Eph. 2:10 & Jer. 29:5-7)
Are we devoted to the good work of the Spirit through us in all the spheres of our life?

LEGACY AS KINGDOM LIVING

Envisioning a heritage of dependence on and collaboration with God for his eternal purposes. (Matt. 6:33)
Are we investing in the growth of God's kingdom?