



Titus 2 Discipleship

a multi-generational, missional, discipleship strategy



VISION

To PREPARE the CHURCH for the FUTURE

- Churches need more connected relationships across the generations
- Churches are moving away from relying on events and programs to make disciples
- Churches need the next wave of spiritual leaders

To SATISFY the DESIRE for MENTORING in GEN Z

- The nuclear family will make up less than a third of all families by 2026
- Half of unchurched young adults and 2/3 of churched young adults view mentoring as very important
- Younger generations desire help in interpreting and navigating the world we live in and need older generations for mentoring

To FULFILL the discipleship structure in TITUS 2:1-8

- Scripture is full of disciple-making examples (Jethro-Moses, Elijah-Elisha, Naomi-Ruth, Jesus-the Disciples, Priscilla/Aquila-Apollos)
- Titus 2 describes the older men discipling younger men and older women discipling younger women by teaching and by example
- Relationships of biblical love capture the ears and the hearts of the next generation

Arkansas has around 1300 churches without vocational student pastors. To reach students, what if churches created a plan, built on small groups, that allowed for older generations to interact with younger generations with the purpose of creating a more cohesive church? What if the church family was strengthened by doing discipleship, missions, fellowship, and evangelism across age groups?

STRATEGY

Relevant Small Groups

- Form loving communities where eternal truths of the Bible can be not only taught but shown
- The collective experience of the group will allow for mentoring of one another because older people need the zeal of the younger and the younger need the wisdom of the older

Developing Disciples

- Emphasize the spiritual disciplines and their application to everyday life
- Churches that simply entertain young people instead of engaging them in ministry and service are losing a generation
- Screaming at the culture does not change it, relationships do

Intentional Relationships

- Critical for those that do not have believing or church going parents
- Relationships built on authenticity, understanding, listening, and relevancy
- Relational anchors, multiple relationships with adults, keep students in church as they grow

STRUCTURE

- Set up gender specific small groups of 6; 2 older adults, 2 middle or younger aged adults, and 2 students
- Recruit adults that are walking with Christ and have been through MinistrySafe procedures and background checks
- Place them in groups for 8-10 weeks of a semester, one in the fall, one in the spring
- Give them a varied schedule that allows for teaching and for interacting
 - Week 1 – Discipleship Discussion
 - Week 2 – Missions/Serving Project
 - Week 3 – Fellowship Activity
 - Week 4 – Evangelism Activity
 - Week 5 – Discipleship Discussion
 - Week 6 – Missions/Serving Project
 - Week 7 – Fellowship Activity
 - Week 8 – Evangelism Activity
- Potential meeting times may be a Sunday or Wednesday night or any night that works with the calendar of the group

RESOURCES AND IDEAS

POSSIBLE DISICPLESHIP RESOURCES

- Reading Plan on Bible App
- Studying a Book of the Bible
- “New” by YM360 for new believers
- “Next” by YM360 for next step believers
- Disciple6 Curriculum, Spiritual Disciplines, <http://disciple6.com/lessons/blue-year/>
- Gender Specific Topics
 - For example, “Every Young Man’s Battle”
 - For example, “Every Young Woman’s Battle”

SERVING IDEAS

- Partnering with IMB Missionary to fill a need, <https://www.imb.org/contact-us/>
- Operation Christmas Child
- Food Bank/Clothing Closet
- Yard Work
- Nursing Home Ministry
- Care Cookies
- Auto Care for Single Moms or Elderly
- Writing Encouragement Cards for Church Members
- Shadowing a Pastor/Deacon on Hospital Visit

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS

- Golf
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Cooking
- Bowling
- Scrapbooking
- Dinner Together
- Shooting Range
- Manicure/Pedicure

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- Paintball
 - Firepit

EVANGELISM IDEAS

- Participate in “Who’s Your One?”
- Prayer Time for Unbelievers
- Each Group Member Shares Personal Story of Salvation
- Specific Evangelism Training Tool like “3 Circles” or “Life in 6 Words”
- Visiting Guests
- Practicing Gospel Conversations