

>>BECOMING A DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH<<

(Moving from a Decision-Making Church to a Disciple-Making Church)

>>LEAD PASTOR, ELDERS, STAFF - STEP #1

The first step to becoming a disciple-making church is to have your key leadership team on board. It starts with your lead pastor.

>>DEFINE & DEVELOP A PATHWAY - STEP #2

The second step to becoming a disciple-making church is to have clear definition for discipleship and a clear pathway for making disciples. It needs to be simple, easy and repeatable. How do you define the term disciple & discipleship? What is your pathway? What resource will you use? How will you empower people to disciple others? Who is the point leader?

>>OUR SUGGESTED DEFINITION AND PATHWAY

Definitions: Disciple: A follower of Jesus / Discipleship: The journey of becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus.

*Resource: Kingdom Come: A Gospel-Centered Guide to Discipleship
Our Pathway*

Everyone journeys through a one-on-one discipleship relationship with a discipler for seven to nine weeks using the Kingdom Come Book. After they have been discipled they can apply to be a discipler. (Remember the expectation is everyone will be a discipler.) It is our hope that by going through the foundational journey they will do the following: Get baptized, join a small group, learn their spiritual gifts, start serving, start giving, implement spiritual disciplines and commit to a life of being a gospel-centered, Kingdom-driven, disciple-making follower of Jesus..

>>CAST VISION & STAY THE COURSE - STEP #3

Cast the vision church-wide and start with a select group of core leaders. The goal is quality over quantity. Example: The vision at Existence Church is to see every person who calls our church home first be discipled and then commit to discipling at least one person every year using our Kingdom Come book. Keep in mind vision leaks it doesn't stick. You have to cast it and celebrate it consistently. Start measuring how many people are making disciples and not just how many people are making decisions.