

>>EIGHT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS<<

#1 Do you feel it is essential to have a point person, pastor or team oversee the discipleship-making ministry at the church?

Yes! Someone has to be responsible for organizing, assimilating, tracking, celebrating, problem solving and leading the charge.

#2 How many times do you offer for people to start the discipleship journey?

We offer an opportunity church-wide three times a year. If someone needs to start before or during one of those rounds, we help them case by case.

#3 How do you begin and end the discipleship journey as a church?

We begin with a simple twenty minute orientation that walks through the vision, what to expect and how to get started. We end with a celebration lunch and if you people can't make it, we encourage them to celebrate together the end of the journey.

#4 How do you pair people for the one-on-one journey?

We try to pair people based on location, place in life and personal interest. We encourage all of those who have been discipled to first ask the question, "Is there anyone God has placed in my life that I should ask to disciple?"

#5 Why is the foundational discipleship journey only seven to nine weeks?

We believe you can't force deep relationships. We want to create an environment for people to invest into others with the expectation that it will last seven to nine weeks. If they decide to continue further or be in the same life group, then we think that is great. We try to help people see maturity is not in knowing more as much as in doing more with what you know. We want help people move toward discipling others.

#6 Why do you do a one-on-one setting verses a group or class setting?

We want every person who calls our church home to be about disciple-making. We don't want to send the message that only those who are gifted teaches or facilitators can disciple others. We also think that one-on-one allows for a greater level of transparency and transformational moments.

#7 Do have to have formal bible training to be a discipled at Existence?

No! If you are saved, baptized, in community, honor God through giving and have been discipled you can disciple others. We have an application form that helps us clarify any potential red flags. If there is a life style problem, we talk to the person in person. A discipled at Existence doesn't have to have all the answers, they just need to know how to point people in the right direction.

#8 Would you encourage non-believers go through the foundational discipleship journey?

Yes! Yes! Yes! What a great opportunity to spend seven to nine weeks talking about what it means to follow Jesus.