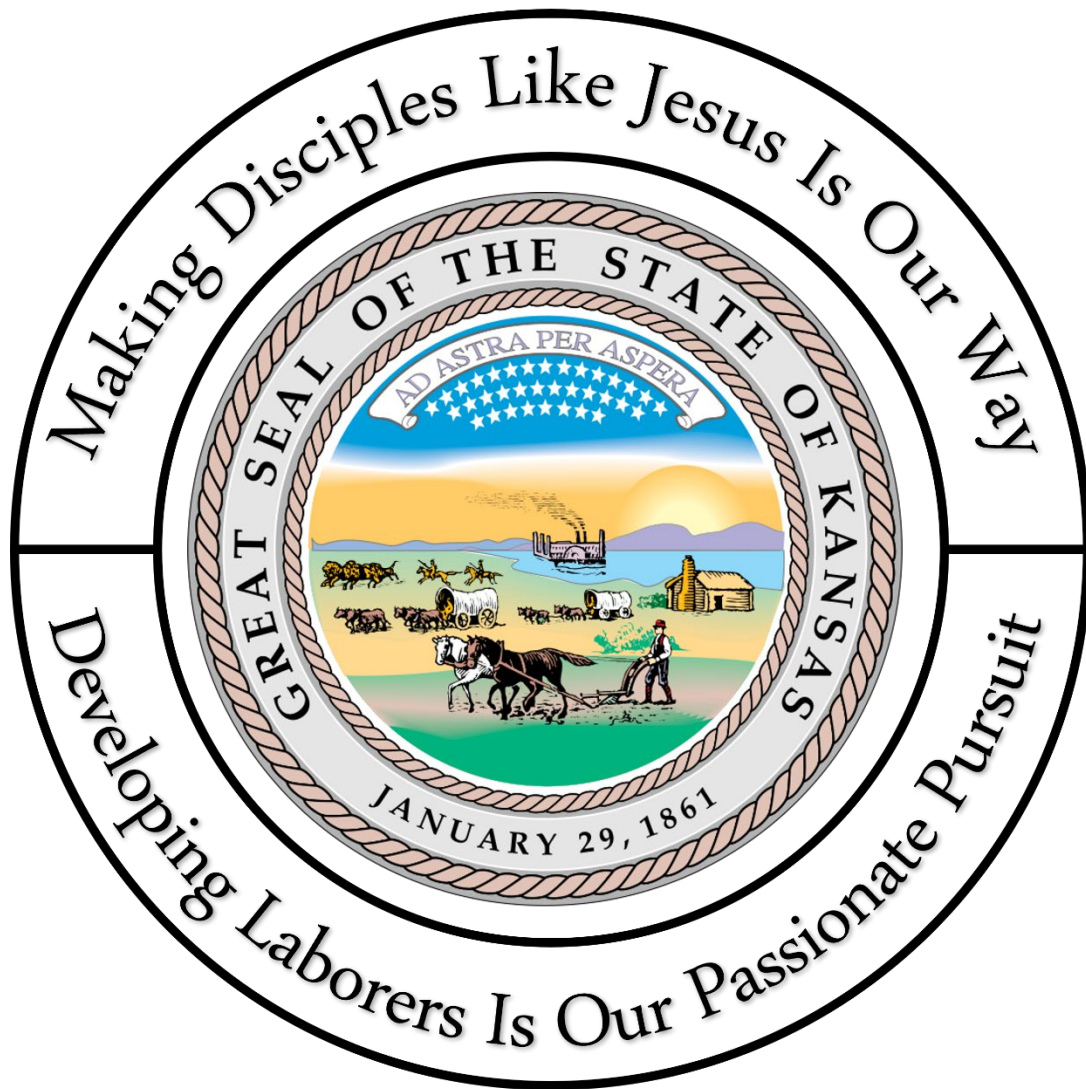


Kansas Communities Ministry

2024 Spring Men's Retreat



“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40).

~ Jesus

Session #1 – Jesus’ Passion for the Mission

Verse to Memorize: Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37-38).

Session Notes

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Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions

- When have you felt compassion?
- How do you share your needs with others?
- Has the compassion of someone shifted the way you experience Jesus? Why?
- Is there anything that scares or limits you from sharing your needs with Jesus and people?
- How do you draw out the needs of others?

Session #2 – Jesus’ Words, Works, and Ways

Verse to Memorize: One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles (Luke 6:12-13).

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Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions

- What interests you about the Words, Works, or Way of Jesus? Why?
- What do you believe about Jesus’ way with you?
- What do you long for with Jesus that feels impossible?
- What do you enjoy about Jesus and your community of disciples?
- Is there anything that you feel limits you from experiencing love and belonging?

Session #3 – Jesus’ Model for Development

Verse to Memorize: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35).

Session Notes

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Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions

- What is a way someone intentionally helped you grow and develop as a disciple?
- What do you believe about Jesus with you in your growth and development?
- Is there anything limiting you where you can't get out of your way for growth?
- Is there a strength of yours that you feel is stifled, underused or unrecognized?
- What would you say is something you uniquely bring to your community of disciples?

Session #4 – Jesus’ Work in Me and With Me

Verse to Memorize: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other” (John 15:16-17).

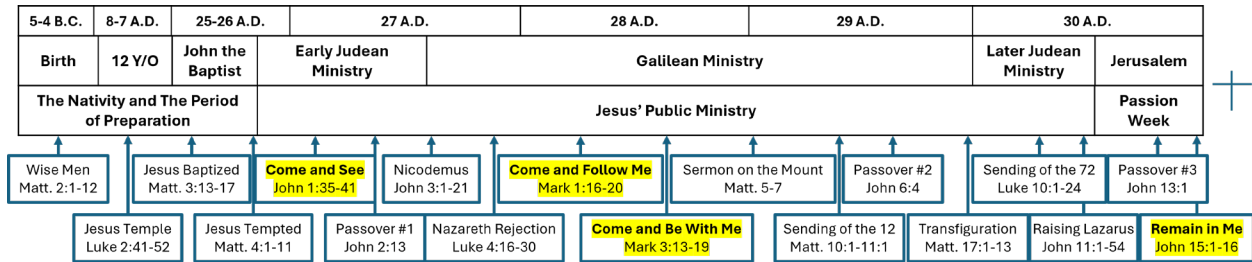
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Personal Reflection and Discussion Questions

- Would you say your current relationship with Jesus is disoriented, reorienting, or oriented? Why?
- Is there anything you are afraid of losing that impacts your relationship with Jesus?
- Is there anything you try to hide that impacts your relationship with Jesus?
- Is there anything that you are trying to prove? To whom are you trying to prove it?
- Is there a friend that you share your challenges and celebrations with?

Jesus' Disciples Growth and Development General Timeline



Growth and Development Markers General Overview

DISCIPLESHIP (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT MARKERS)

	INTERESTED DISCIPLE	ROOTED DISCIPLE	EQUIPPED DISCIPLE	MATURE DISCIPLE
Physical Description	Dead/Lost	Child	Young Man	Father (Parent)
Further Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confused Unbelieving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent Immature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Maturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interdependent Mature
Biblical Name	Seeker	Believer	Laborer	Disciple-Maker
Biblical Concept	Invite	Build	Equip	Multiply
Basic Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Answers Good News 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identity Foundation Parenting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Disciple Mentoring Peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teammates Coaching Vulnerability
Lasting Fruit	No Fruit	Fruit	More Fruit	Much Fruit
Personal Language	Mystic	I Oriented	We Oriented	Others Oriented
End Product	Conversion	Serving Others	Reproduction	Multiplication

Come and See Me	Come and Follow Me	Come and Be With Me	Come and Abide in Me
John 1:35-39	Mark 1:16-20	Mark 3:13-19	John 15:1-16

JESUS (GENERAL STAGES)

Growth and Development Markers Deep Dive



Come and See Me

John 1:35-39

Disciple-Maker (Introducer)

- Build a Relational Network (Practitioner(s))
- Build a Group of Acquaintances (Love and Hospitality)
- Invite to connect with Jesus and you (e.g., prayer, reading Bible, podcast, fun activities)
- Share your heart for Jesus and people



Come and Follow Me

Mark 1:16-20

Disciple-Maker (Alongsider)

- Gather a group of people (Invite to Vision / Mission / Relationship)
- Build a group rhythm (Allow for Circumstantial Flexibility)
- Build Relational Connection within the small group (e.g., fun events, road trips, F2F)
- Root (Establish) the group / individual in living a Jesus Centered Life



Come and Be With Me

Mark 3:13-19

Disciple-Maker (Mentor/Coach)

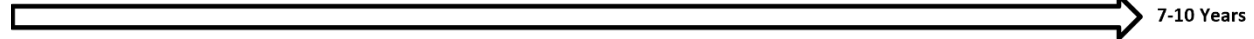
- Concentrate on a few to build a deepening relationship with
- Build into them the capacity for Kingdom Partnership
- Build an environment of safety and security for imperfect involvement / discourse / guided discovery
- Create space for them to experience the work on their own

Abide in Me

John 15:1-16

Disciple-Maker (Friend/Partner)

- Invite those you have concentrated on to contribute to each other.
- Create Kingdom Partnership Opportunities.
- Live in an environment of safety and security with each other.
- Create space for them to do the work Jesus has called them to.



Interested Disciple

- Possible Believer / Non-Believer
- Willing to connect with you (e.g., F2F, Small Group, Large Group)
- Willing to connect with Jesus (Pray, Read Bible, podcast, fun activities)
- Willing to listen to my heart for Jesus and People

Key Characteristic: Willingness

- How are they willing to connect with Jesus?
- How are they willing to connect with me?
- What are they willing to share?
- What are they willing to experience?
- What are they willing to do?

Rooted Disciple (Established)

- Believer / Follower of Jesus
- They enthusiastically choose to be rooted in Jesus
- They enthusiastically choose to be with you and the group
- They enthusiastically choose to share Jesus with people
- They enthusiastically choose to listen to Jesus' heart for themselves and others

Key Characteristic: Enthusiasm

- Are they enthusiastic about building a relationship with Jesus / You / Group?
- Are they enthusiastic about engaging **Interested Disciple's** about Jesus / You / Group?
- What is their strength, stretch, and struggle?

Equipped Disciple

- Servant / Contributor / Teammate
- They have a deepening trust with Jesus
- They have aligned their life rhythm with you and the group
- They are making, maturing, and reproducing disciples
- They trust the course their God / mentor has paved for them

Key Characteristic: Trust

- Are they growing in a trusting relationship with Jesus / You / Group?
- Are they coming alongside **Interested / Rooted Disciple's** and connecting them to Jesus / You / Group?
- What is their design, gifting, and experience saying?

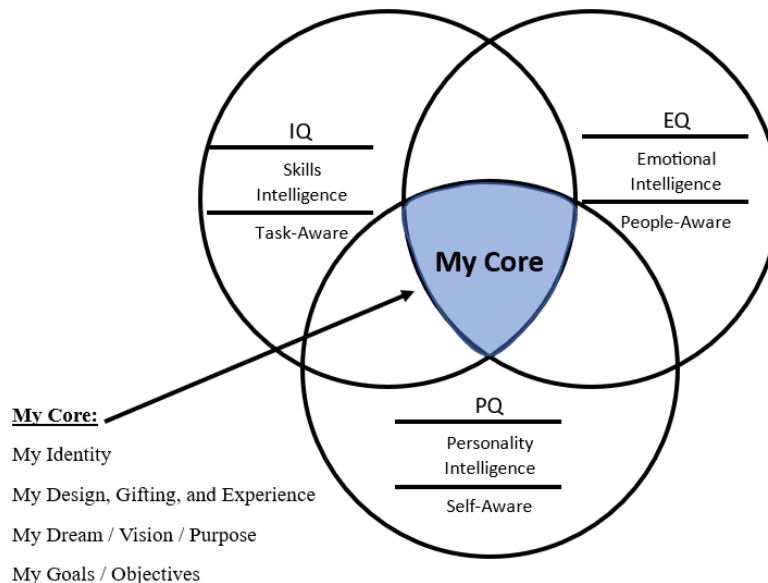
Mature Disciple

- Relational and Missional Integration
- Their time with Jesus is the most essential thing they do
- They love passionately out of who they are in Jesus
- They are making, maturing, and multiplying disciple-makers
- They are contributing to the Body of Christ (Specialization)

Key Characteristic: Love

- Are they deepening their love for Jesus and union with Jesus?
- Are they coming alongside **Interested / Rooted / Equipped Disciple's** and helping them live deeper in the love of Jesus and in community?
- Are they contributing out of their design, gifting, and experience?

Jesus' Work in Me and With Me Core



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