

LIFE GROUPS

Leader Manual





Taylors First Baptist Church

Exists to...

**Change
the World
for Jesus**

Gospel Proclamation

The gospel proclaimed faithfully and consistently within every area of ministry at Taylors FBC and through every partnership.

Gospel Transformation

People being changed/transformed by Jesus within every ministry area of Taylors FBC and through every partnership.

And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

Acts 17:6-7

Taylors First Baptist Church's Mission is to...

ENCOUNTER GOD.

EQUIP BELIEVERS.

ENGAGE THE WORLD.

ESTABLISH THE CHURCH

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

ENCOUNTER GOD

PURPOSE

All Peoples changed/transformed by Jesus

GOAL

The gospel proclaimed faithfully and consistently within
every area of ministry at Taylors FBC

MEANS

Preach, Teach, Sing, Pray God's Word

Proclaim the Gospel in truth and fullness always

Gather to worship in a manner that is Christ-exalting,
God-honoring, and theologically sound.

EQUIP BELIEVERS

Every Member Growing

PURPOSE

Disciples of Jesus devoted to God's will and
fulfilling the work of ministry!
(Conformed to the image of Christ Jesus)

GOAL

Disciples of Jesus loving Him more and more,
as they grow in knowledge of Him and His ways.

MEANS

Teach and engage the Scriptures with an expectation of
faith and obedience

Practice the spiritual disciplines of Word, prayer, and
fellowship corporately to create personal habits for
seeking God and spending time with His people

Identify spiritual gifts and practice them in
service to God and others

Teach people to think rightly about God and His Word

ENGAGE THE WORLD

Every Member on Mission

PURPOSE

Spread the Knowledge of God's Glory by Making Disciples of All Nations

GOAL

Individuals are Sent by Jesus

MEANS

Mobilize and equip members to share the gospel with urgency

Provide opportunities to love and serve others

Send individuals and families to make disciples of all nations

ESTABLISH THE CHURCH

PURPOSE

Multiplying Churches Planted

GOAL

Send Church Leaders, Planters, and Missionaries

MEANS

Serve within the Church

Establish Network Internship

Establish Network Residency

A disciple is one who
has been changed by Jesus,
walks with Jesus,
and is sent by Jesus.

Marks of a Disciple

Follower of Jesus: Matthew 4:19

Head: Know Jesus

Growing in knowledge and understanding of God, His ways, and His world.

Matthew 11:29; 1 Peter 1:9

Heart: Love Jesus

Devoted to God's will, keeping in step with the Spirit, growing in their love for Jesus and others.

John 14:21; Galatians 5:16-32

Hands: Serve Jesus

Fulfilling the work of ministry – Exercising their spiritual gift for the building up of the Body.

Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 2:10 and 4:16

Feet: Share Jesus

Going, Sharing, Making Disciples, Establishing the Church.

Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 5:20

Measures

- Practicing the spiritual disciplines of Word, Prayer, and Fellowship – Abide
- Serving within the local church and exercising their spiritual gift for the building up of the body
- Making Disciples – Go, Share, Disciple
- Answering the call to vocational ministry
- Displaying the fruits of righteousness – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Goodness, and Self Control
- Sacrificing personal will for the will of God – Holiness
- Sacrificing personal interest for the interest of others – Humility

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14



LIFEGROUPS

Purpose

Disciples of Jesus devoted to God's will and fulfilling the work of ministry! (Conformed to the image of Christ Jesus)

Goal

Disciples of Jesus loving Him more and more, as they grow in knowledge of Him and His ways.

Mission

Create environments where everyone has the opportunity to:

Hear the gospel in truth and fullness

Engage the Word of God together

Pray with and for one another

Care for one another

Serve together

Key Value: Life Transformation



Taylor's First Baptist Church exists to **Change the World for Jesus**.
Our mission is to **Reach all Peoples** by Encountering God, Equipping Believers,
Engaging the World, and Establishing the Church.



PURPOSE

Every member growing in spiritual maturity and on mission.

GOAL

Life transformation! We desire to see every life transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18). Therefore our goal is to see every member growing in:

- Knowledge and understanding of God and His ways
- Devotion to God's will and keeping in step with God's Spirit
- Love for Jesus and others
- Practice of their spiritual gifts
- Participation in God's mission: going, sharing, making disciples

MISSION

Create environments where everyone has the opportunity to:

- Hear the gospel in truth and fullness
- Practice Spiritual Disciplines
 - Engage the Word of God together
 - Praying for and with one another
 - Care for one another
 - Fulfill the mission of God together

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:18**



RHYTHMS

Weekly

- Life Groups gathering on Sunday mornings and Evenings
- Small groups of men gathering together during the week.
- Small groups of ladies gathering together during the week.

Quarterly / Monthly

- Serving together (Engage)
- Gathering together for fellowship prayer, care, etc.

Annually

- Serving together on a Mission Trip
- Serving together on Love Taylors Day

A disciple is one who...
has been changed by Jesus, walks with Jesus, and is sent by Jesus.



		ADULTS							
		Pastor	Worship	Life Groups	Men/Women	Engage	Institute	SEBTS	Internship & Residency
Preach the Word	⌚								
Sing the Word	⌚					⌚	⌚	⌚	
Proclaim the gospel in truth & fullness	⌚		⌚	⌚		⌚	⌚	⌚	
Teach and engage the Word			⌚	⌚		⌚			
Practice spiritual disciplines				⌚			⌚		
Teach doctrine					⌚		⌚		
Equip members to share the gospel					⌚				
Offer opportunities to love and serve						⌚			
Send individuals						⌚			
Equip and send church leaders						⌚		⌚	
Equip the called							⌚	⌚	
Church planters / missionaries								⌚	

Teach and engage the Word

- Bible overview

Spiritual Disciplines

- Prayer - all areas
- Fellowship - mentors
- Word - biblical perspective
- events
- breakouts — womanhood / manhood wife / husband mom / dad
- Life Group small groups
- Book studies

How?

Life Groups

The Life Group Ministry at Taylors FBC is the primary means by which we equip our members to grow in spiritual maturity!

5 Characteristics of a Healthy Life Group



Word of God — The Bible is our Life Group curriculum. Every Sunday morning/evening, our primary role is to lead our people to engage the Word of God in such a manner that they grow in their knowledge and understanding of who God is and his ways. We desire for people to behold the glory of the Lord through His Word each Sunday, that they might grow in His likeness and fulfill his mission!



Prayer — We not only engage the Word of God, but we pray the Word of God together! John Piper says, "Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts." We pray for the lost and for one another!



Biblical Fellowship — Our times together are "spiritually intentional to sharpen one another while experiencing life together" (Pastoral Theology). The goal is spiritual development as each individual works together for the building up of one another! Writing in regards to Hebrews 10:24-25, David Mathis says, "A literal translation is: 'Consider each other for love and good deeds.' Know each other. Get close. Stay close. Go deep. And consider particular persons, and interact with them, such that you exhort and inspire them to love and good deeds specifically to their mix." In these hard days, we need one another, to "exhort one another... that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12,13).



Evangelism — Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and he has called his disciples to follow him! He calls us to be fishers of men, His ambassadors! As Life Group leaders we are called not only to be his witnesses but to equip the saints to go and make disciples – Abide/Go/Share/Disciple.



Multiplication — We see God's plan for multiplication throughout Scripture. Healthy disciples and churches multiply! As Life Group leaders we teach in a manner that equips the saints to pass on to others, not only what they have learned but how they have learned it. Our desire is to see multiplying disciple makers, multiplying leaders – multiplying Life Groups.

Leader Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Life Group Leader Pipeline (7 Weeks)	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	E3 Blue Training	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	E3 Green Training	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Testimony Training	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gospel / 3 Circles / Oikos Training	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disciple Cycle Training (13 Weeks)	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institute – Semesters 1-4	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institute – Summer Reading: "Confronting Christianity" by Rebecca McLaughlin	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institute – Summer Reading: "Embodied" by Gregg R. Allison	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Go Cohort – Courses 1-4	____/____/____
<input type="checkbox"/>	The EQUIP Network Partnership: MA in Christian Ministry (Mentored)	____/____/____

Equip Weekend Conferences

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. David Mathis – Spiritual Disciplines	May 15, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Jim Shaddix – Word	May, 20, 2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Don Whitney – Prayer	April 12, 2024
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Chuck Lawless – Gather (Church)	April 11, 2025
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Tom Schreiner	March 1, 2026



Life Group Leadership

The Equip Office

Our goal is to equip the saints for the work of ministry. We desire to see all of our leaders flourishing in their personal walks with Jesus, as well as their ministries. We also desire to see more and more leaders developed and deployed into ministry.

Our commitment is to provide:

- God honoring, Christ exalting, and theologically sound resources
- Pastoral care for leaders and Life Group members as needed
- Identify and train new Life Group leaders — Pipeline
- Encouragement and iron sharpening iron opportunities for existing leaders — Quarterly meetings / Equip Weekends / Special Events
- Space that is clean, orderly, and set up each Sunday
- Supplies that are needed on a regular basis (HUB)
- Up to date attendance rosters

Life Group Leadership Team

Provides direction for the Life Group Ministry of Taylors FBC, as well as support and encouragement to life group leaders by:

- Modeling an intimate walk with Jesus that reflects the high standards for teachers
- Annual strategic planning / calendaring
- Identifying areas of success and growth to pass along best practices
- Identifying areas of improvement and finding solutions
- Facilitating ongoing trainings and times of encouragement
- Determining key resources
- Implementing the Leader Pipeline and leading Collaboratives
- Assisting in the formation of new classes and restructuring of existing classes
- Developing means of communicating effectively and consistently

Life Group Leader

ROLE OF A LIFE GROUP LEADER

Serves as the teacher, leader, and overall coordinator of the Life Group. He/she is responsible for leading people to know and worship God, grow in maturity and unity of the faith, and fulfill the mission of God. He/she must also model a life dedicated to the spiritual disciplines of Word, Prayer, and Fellowship.

- Proclaim the gospel in truth and fullness
- Model faith through prayer
- Facilitate engagement with the Scriptures
- Coordinate opportunities to gather for fellowship, care and mission.
- Mentor new leaders.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A LIFE GROUP LEADER

- Believer in Jesus Christ
- Walks in a manner worthy of the Lord in accordance with the Scriptures
- Member of Taylors FBC for at least one year, in good standing, with consistent attendance in corporate worship, Life Group, and life of the Body. Faithful in tithing.
- In agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the Constitution of Taylors First Baptist Church.
- Desires to fulfill the Vision and Mission of Taylors First Baptist Church
- Ability to teach the Bible, confirmed through the testimony of the Body
- Completed the Life Group Pipeline, which includes a current background check

EXPECTATIONS OF A LIFE GROUP LEADER

- Fulfills the purpose and goals of the Life Group Ministry
- Commit to a three-year term with opportunity to extend. If unable to fulfill the commitment, please notify the Equip Office to develop a transition plan.
- Follows the CORE and informs Equip Office if there is a desire to teach outside the CORE for guidance and permission(CORE: E3, LifeWay Bible Studies for Life, Explore the Bible, Bible Project)
- On time and prepared for each class. If absent, then co-teacher is responsible for the class that day, but if he/she is unable to fulfill the role, and no other class member is willing to teach, please contact the Equip Office for assistance.
- Creates an open culture that excitedly expects and accepts new members.
- Assigns Life Group roles as needed (Secretary; Prayer Leader, Care Leader, Missions Leader, Fellowship Leader).
- Willing to mentor new leaders or lead a Collaborative
- Consistent and faithful attendance at Life Group Meetings and Trainings
- Keeps attendance and Life Group membership up to date with Equip Office
- Keeps Life Group room clean and ready for next class or event.
- In preparation of an absence, please select a substitute teacher and notify the Equip Office of your absence one week prior. If unable to find a substitute teacher, please notify the office two-weeks prior.

Life Group Roles

CO-TEACHER

Shares with the teacher the responsibility of teaching, leading, and coordinating the class. This role should be filled with someone in the Life Group Teacher Pipeline. This person would meet regularly with the teacher to prepare to teach when needed.

SECRETARY

Keeps class records on attendance, enrollment of new members, and guests. Assists with announcements, sign-ups for various events, and other administrative functions. Reviews the attendance report to inform the teacher of members who have been absent and need contact.

CARE/HOSPITALITY LEADER

Coordinates the care ministry within the class. Care Leader(s) encourage and facilitate communication and support among Life Group members. Regularly contacts class members, reports prayer and ministry needs to teacher and class. Helps coordinate ministry actions to those in need within the class. Greet and welcome guests.

MISSION LEADER

Leads group members to identify opportunities to share their faith within their sphere of influence, as well as in our community. Works with the Engage office to partner with community, nation or nations partners.

FELLOWSHIP LEADER

Coordinates the planning of class activities and social events, as well as small groups. Assists people in becoming connected and developing relationships within the class and providing opportunities to regularly meet for meals, fun outings, and other events.

Collaborative Leaders/Groups

PURPOSE

The Life Group ministry at Taylors FBC is the primary means by which we disciple our members in small groups — Word, Prayer, and Biblical Community.

Our Life Group leaders are vital to the Life Group Ministry! Therefore, we have created Collaborative groups where leaders can gather together to share victories and challenges, pray for one another, encourage one another, and grow together. Our desire is to see our Life Group leaders thriving spiritually and exercising their gifts effectively!

DETAILS

Each Collaborative is made up of Life Group leaders from at least four Life Groups, and no more than six. Because many of our Life Groups have multiple leaders, group size can range between eight to fifteen members. The Equip Pastor facilitates the meeting.

Typical flow of a meeting will involve the following:

- Sharing victories and challenges within your Life Group
- Introduce and discuss core teacher resources
- Praying for one another

Our hope is that these groups and times together will be an encouragement, and allow our leaders to be iron-sharpening-iron for one another!

Collaborative 2025 Assessment

Our Purpose

Disciples of Jesus devoted to God's will and fulfilling the work of ministry! (Conformed to the image of Christ Jesus)

Our Goal

Disciples of Jesus loving Him more and more, as they grow in knowledge of Him and His ways.

What Life Transformation have you witnessed?

Prayer

In class: _____

Outside class: _____

Fellowship

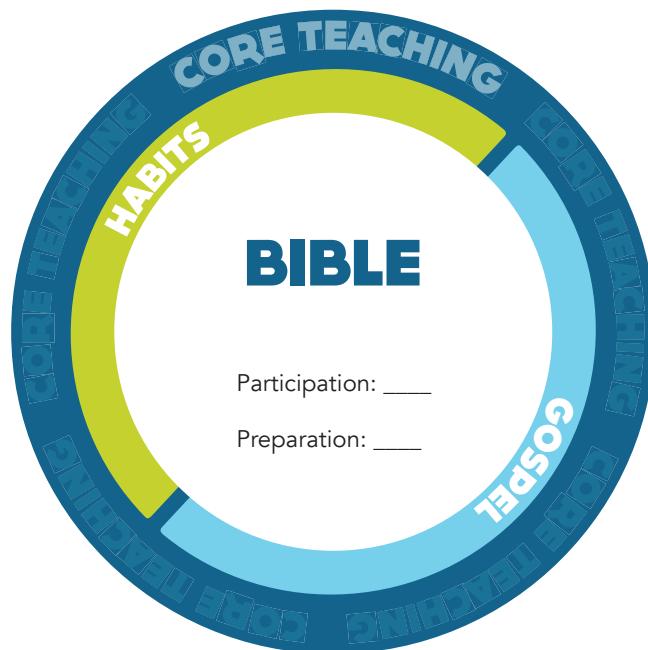
In-Reach: _____

Outreach: _____

Multiply

In class roles: _____

Potential Life
Group Leaders: _____



Mission

Personal: _____

Reach: _____

Love Taylors: _____

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No toe in the water.

We are knocking it out of the park!

Life Group Leader 2026 Goal

Grow

What is a specific area of your Life Group you would like to grow this year?

5 Characteristics of a Healthy Life Group

Word of God



Prayer



Fellowship



Evangelism



Multiplying



List three reasons why this growth is essential to your Life Group.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Plan

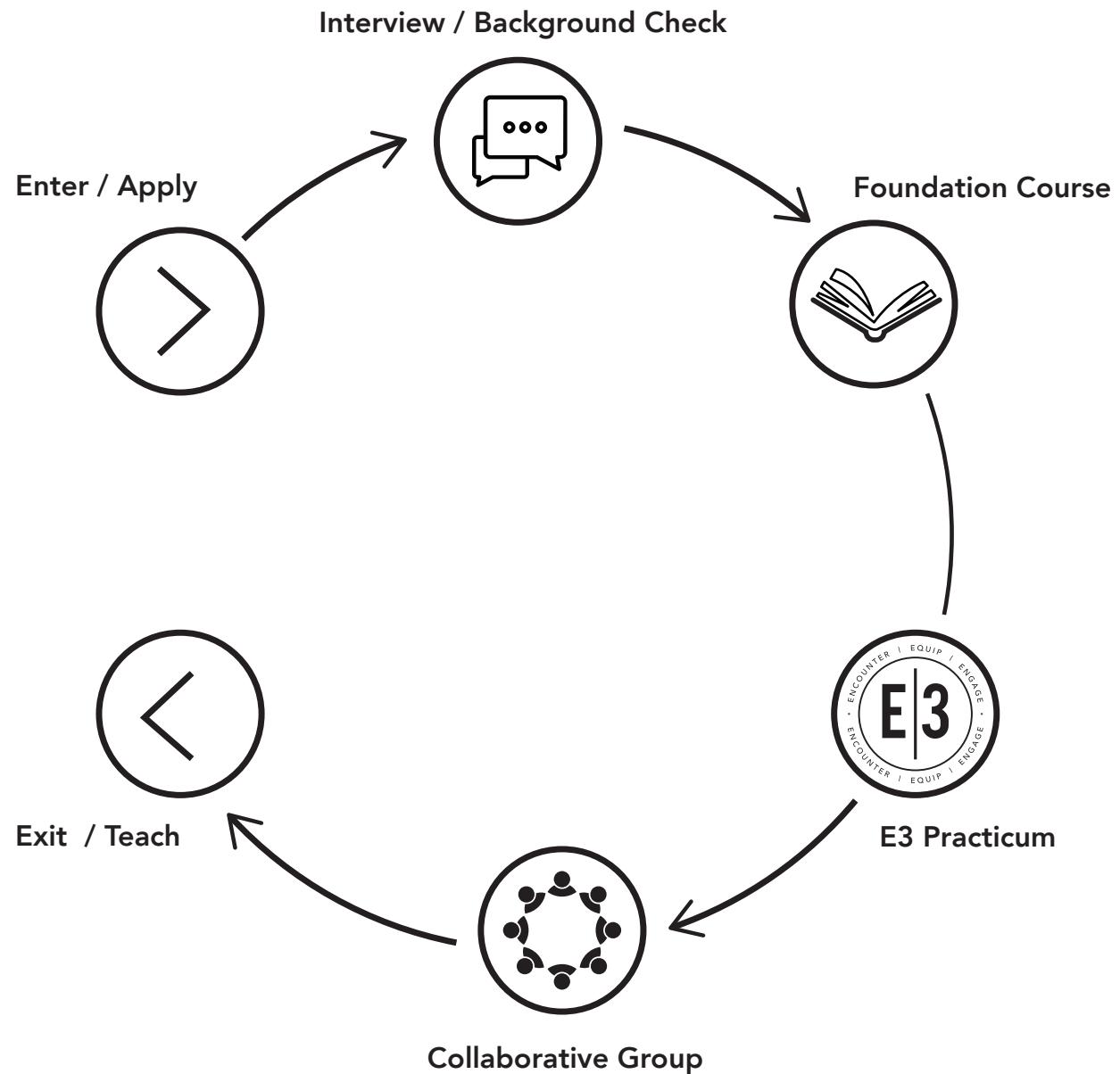
List three action steps to reach this goal.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Commit

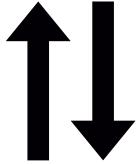
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Leader Pipeline

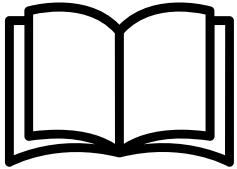


Small Groups

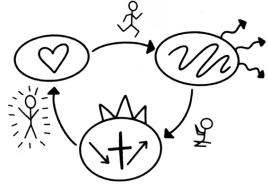
Every person in the body of Christ, His church, plays a part in the building up of the church to maturity. This happens as we gather corporately for worship, meet together in Life Groups, and as we gather in small groups. Small groups, at Taylors FBC, are a ministry of the Life Group, to provide the opportunity for men to meet with men and women to meet with women for accountability and encouragement. These times together are vital for ongoing life transformation! Following is a tool that can help guide your time together.



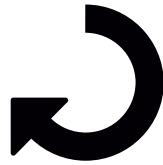
Highs and
Lows



Scripture



Sharing the
Gospel

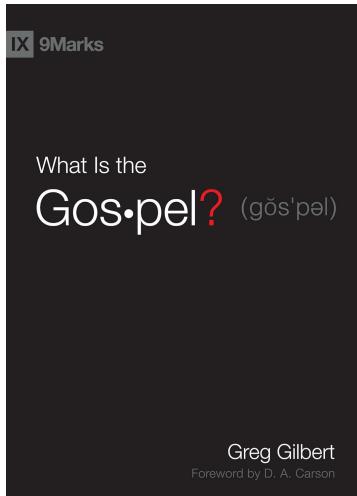


Pray and
Obey

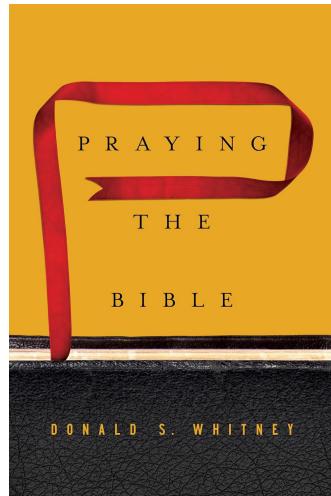
Breakouts

We realize there are times when God's people need to be equipped to understand how to apply the truth of God's Word to their lives in a particular area. Many times, these areas correspond to particular needs in our lives, either at a particular life stage or in an area of spiritual growth. For this reason, we provide Breakouts. Breakouts meet for a limited amount of time, on a need-to basis. They meet on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings to focus on a particular area of need – Life Stage or Spiritual Growth.

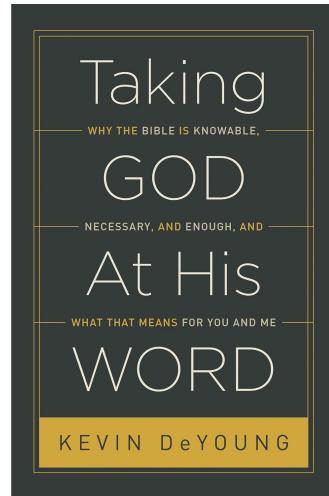
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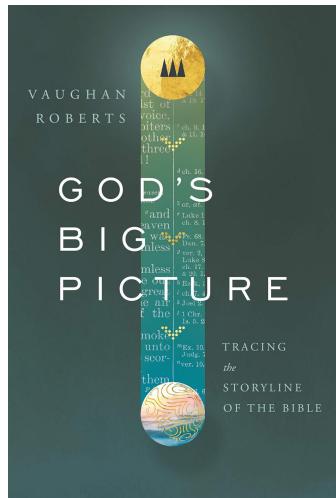
What Is the Gospel?
by Greg Gilbert



Praying The Bible
by Donald S. Whitney



Taking God At His Word: Why the
Bible Is Knowable, Necessary, and
Enough, and What That Means for
You and Me
by Kevin DeYoung



God's Big Picture: Tracing the
Storyline of the Bible
by Vaughan Roberts



E3

Life Group Logistics

MEMBER ATTENDANCE AND GUESTS

Attendance for your Life Group members should be taken using the Taylors FBC Church Center App. The Attendance link is open from 10 minutes prior to your Group time until midnight on the day your group met.

We need your help capturing guest information! It is important that the Equip Office knows about all guests in your Life Group, even if they are church members or members of another Life Group. Their record of attendance is important, no matter where they attend.

1. Open the Church Center App
2. Select on "More" at the Bottom and then Click on "Groups"
3. Click the image for your Life Group at the top of the page
4. Click "Events" at the top, click "Take Attendance," then select each member present
5. Input the number of visitors and click "Add details to note"
6. Your notes will go to the Equip Office for follow-up
7. Click submit at the top

RESERVING SPACE

Space in our facility for any event to include Bible studies, parties, etc., must be reserved. Beth Caskey will make the request on your behalf. Reservations are approved based on availability and no conflicts with church events surrounding the dates requested. Your event is placed on the church calendar upon approval.

COPIES

We are happy to make copies for you. Please give at least 24 hours notice and be aware that some days all copiers are running full force all day.

ROOM SET-UP AND AV EQUIPMENT

If you need your room set up a certain way or if you need audio visual equipment, please let Beth Caskey know at the time you reserve the space so the details are on our calendar. If you change the room around, you must return it to the original condition for the next class. Please also ensure your room is clean.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events, dinners, and parties are the responsibility of the group hosting the event. Table cloths must be reserved and paid for in advance. Setting tables with flatware, napkins, salt/pepper, centerpieces, etc. are the responsibility of the host group. Beth Caskey is familiar with the policies and will be happy to guide you.

MEDIA STAFF SUPPORT

If you need media support for a presentation or video, please request them at the time you reserve the space. There is a fee for media support and support is not always available.

PUBLICITY

Our church has specific guidelines and standards for publications and publicity, including where signs are placed throughout the building. Please ask Beth Caskey for help with any event that needs to be publicized and do not place anything at the Life Group Hub without contacting us.

CLEAN ROLLS

Please help us keep your membership list up-to-date. If you have made contact and know one of your members will no longer be attending your class, please inform Beth Caskey. This will help us to keep their file up-to-date and your class roll as accurate as possible.

SCHEDULE

First hour: 8:30 - 9:30 am / Second hour: 9:40 - 10:40 am / Third hour: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Please be respectful and gracious to all!

CURRICULUM

E3 workbooks are available for your class. Printing is completed as requested so please give the Equip Office two weeks notice. The cost per workbook is roughly \$5-8 per person.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Guidelines for functioning in an electronic world are the same as the values, ethics and policies leaders are expected to live everyday.

What you should do...

Use your Best Judgment in All Situations. If you wouldn't want your grandmother seeing what you're doing, do not put it online.

You Represent the Church. Whether offline or online, you are representing Taylors FBC at all times. Please keep this in mind as you interact, create and share in the social media world.

Remember Internet Permanency. Google has a very good (and very permanent) memory. Think about this before sharing anything online.

Protect Yourself. Be safe when online. Do not give out too much personal information about yourself, your location, your surroundings or your home address.

Honor Our Differences. Live the scriptural values that we abide by. We love others because God loves others. All people bear His image and are worthy of the dignity inherent in that identity.

What you should never do...

Ignore a Hesitation. If you hesitate before clicking "share," chances are it's a bad idea to share whatever you've just written and/or created.

Air Personal Grievances. Social networks are never a good place to air personal grievances. If you have a conflict with someone, please respect yourself (and them) enough to work through it in person.

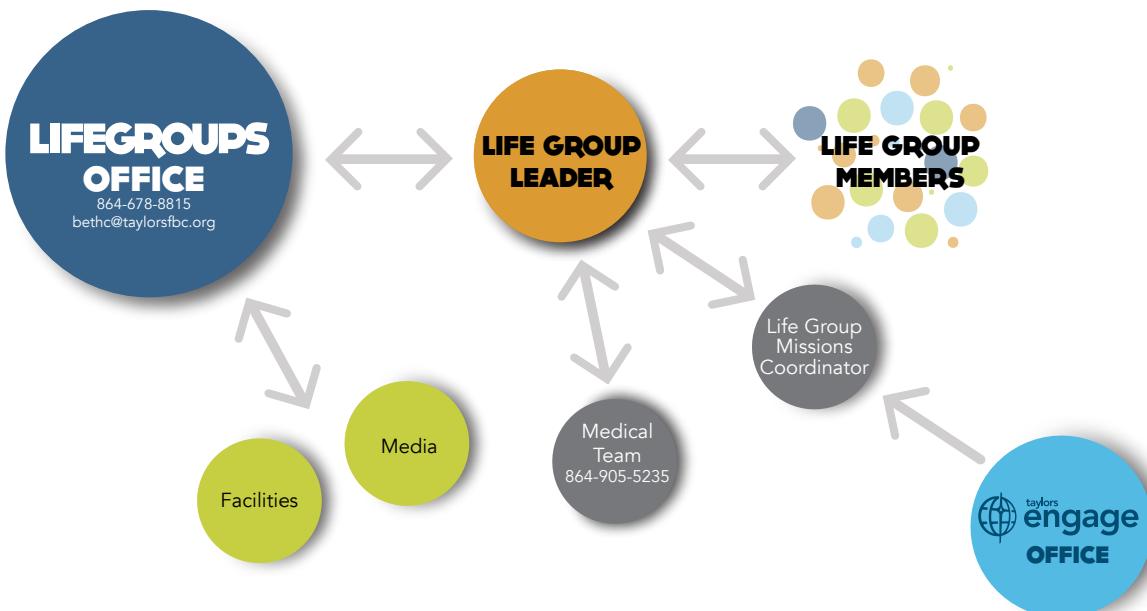
Solve Conflict Online. If conflict arises, never attempt to prove a point in a public forum. Ask clarifying questions if you need to, but if someone is upset by something you've shared, contact them personally and resolve it in a private manner. This will save you lots of heartache.

Give Out Personal Information. Never share personal information about our staff, Taylors members or guests. This is a bad idea. Always.

COMMUNICATION

Email is the main communication channel between the Equip Office and the Life Group leaders. Occasionally we will have group or individual meetings.

COMMUNICATION FLOW



Emergency Procedures

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

- Always be alert for anyone exhibiting unusual behavior and immediately notify a nearby Safety Team Member, "If You See Something, Say Something."
- A Safety Team Member will be on duty in the Welcome Center and in the immediate vicinity of other worship locations at all times prior to, during, and after Sunday services.
- If the suspicious person has a gun and is an immediate threat, be prepared to respond. There are three basic response options: run, hide, or fight. Individuals can run away from the shooter; seek a secure place where they can hide and/or deny the shooter access; or incapacitate the shooter in order to survive and protect others from harm.
- Our church is expanding the safety program to include the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). In the event of an emergency, follow these instructions:
HOLD "In your Room, office or area"
SECURE "Get inside. Lock outside doors"
LOCKDOWN "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"
EVACUATE "A location may be specified"
SHELTER "For a Hazard using a safety strategy"

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- In case of a medical emergency, please notify a nearby Safety Team Member or call 864-905-5235.
- In case no Safety Team member is not visible in your location, notify the Safety Team in the Welcome Center.
- There should always be a nurse on duty on Sunday mornings, and the nurse will be called by the Safety Team when needed.
- The nurse will decide whether or not to call 911; however, in an extreme situation use your best judgment to go ahead and make the call while also letting the Safety Team know.
- Any time there is a safety/medical incident on campus and you are involved, be sure to notify the Minister of Connections or Equip Pastor so she/he can complete an incident report.
- If you are serving in a remote location with no access to a Safety Team Member, Usher or Staff Member, call the Equip Pastor at 964-365-5530 with the following information:
 - What is the nature of the emergency?
 - Where is the emergency taking place?
 - What kind of back-up or additional help is needed?

FIRE EMERGENCY

- Pull the nearest fire alarm.
- Report the location of the fire to the nearest Safety Team Member, Usher, or Staff member.
- Assist guests in leaving the building via the nearest exit. Exit route maps are located in all classrooms for exit routes if needed.
- Do not allow parents to go to Taylors Children or Taylors Student areas. Children and students will be evacuated to designated egress areas by the staff and volunteers in those areas. Parents should go around the outside of the buildings to these designated areas.



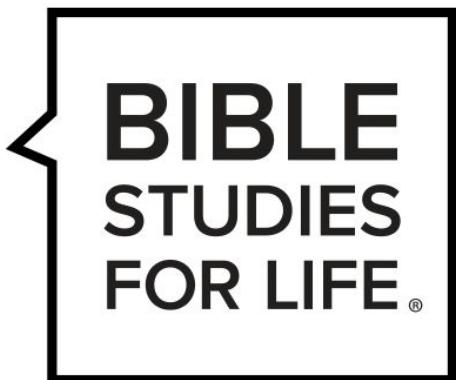
Tools and Practices



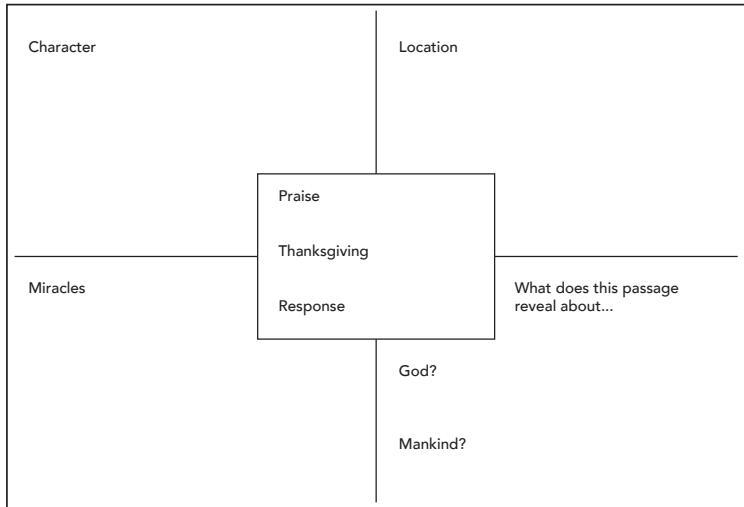
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The Bible is our Life Group curriculum. Every Sunday morning/evening, our primary role is to lead our people to engage the Word of God in such a manner that they grow in their knowledge and understanding of who God is and his ways. We desire for people to behold the glory of the Lord through His Word each Sunday, that they might grow in His likeness and fulfill his mission!

Lifeway Resources



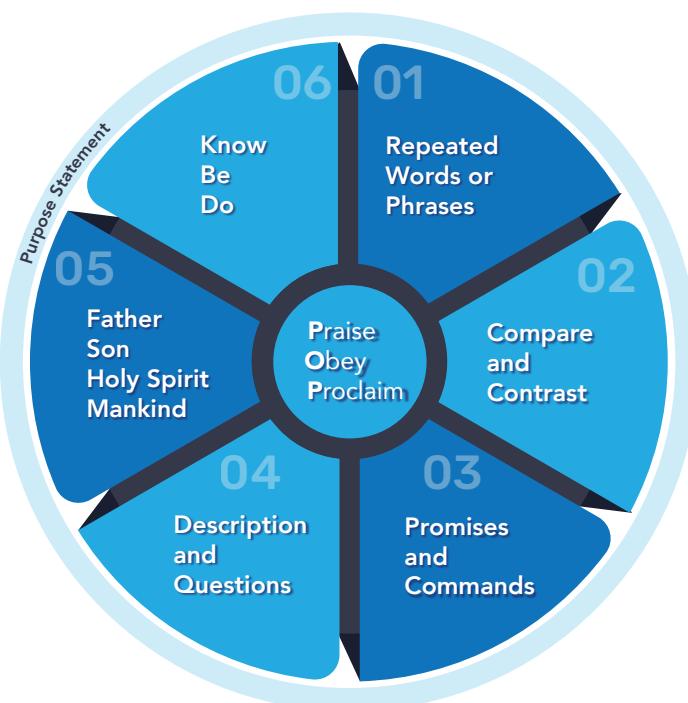
E3 for Children



E3 for New Believers



E3 for Students



E3 Original



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17


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OVERVIEW

Pray / Confess

Read The Book Two Times

Who
Author
Audience

Where
Author
Audience

When
Time Period

What
Historical Background

Why
Purpose

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5

PREPARE

1

Pray / Confess

Read The Passage

Review Overview

Who
Where
When
What
Why

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1-2

SEE

2

Repeated Words / Phrases

Comparisons / Contrasts

Commands / Promises

Truth Claims

Significant Words / Phrases

Literary features such as symbols, questions, action words, etc.

Additional Resources



Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Psalm 119:18

UNDERSTAND

3

What did the author say about...
Father
Son
Holy Spirit
Mankind

How does this passage point to Christ and fit within the grand narrative of Scripture?

What did the author want the audience to:
Know (Knowledge)
Be (Character)
Do (Action)

Write a summary of what the author was saying to the audience.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

RESPOND

4

What does God desire me to...
Know (Knowledge)
Do I live like...?

Be (Character)
Am I...?

Do (Action)
Am I...?

How will this affect my relationship with God and others?

Write a prayer:
Praise for who He is
Thanks for what He has done or what He will do
Boldness to obey His will

Who will I share this Truth with?

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. Psalm 86:11

E3 Narrative



E3 Parable

READ & WRITE	SEE	UNDERSTAND	RESPOND
<p>Read the whole Parable Multiple Times</p> <p>Write it out</p> <p>Story-line Graph (if parable has a plot)</p> <p>Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5</p>	<p>SEE</p> <p>Literary Context Gospel's Thematic Statement Passage Before Passage After Other gospel accounts/ Differences Group of two or three Structure and Development of Thought</p> <p>Historical Context Jesus' audience Jesus' setting</p> <p>Story/Parable Key Characters(s) Comparison/Contrast Conversation Most space Details Ending</p> <p>Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5</p>	<p>UNDERSTAND</p> <p>Intent/Purpose Truth Jesus is conveying Attitude or Behavior Jesus desires to change: Father Son Spirit Mankind</p> <p>What did Jesus want the original audience to Know Be Do</p> <p>Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5</p>	<p>What does God desire ...me to Know Do I believe this is true? ...me to Be Do I believe that I am...? ...me to Do What attitude and/or behavior do I need to continue or change?</p> <p>How will this affect my relationships? Love for God: Love for Others: Love for the Lost: Who needs to hear this truth?</p> <p>Prayer Praise for who He is: Thanks for what He has done Strength and wisdom to obey</p> <p>Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5</p>



Prayer

We not only engage the Word of God, but we pray the Word of God together! John Piper says, "Praying the Word means reading (or reciting) Scripture in a spirit of prayer and letting the meaning of the verses become our prayer and inspire our thoughts." We pray for the lost and for one another!

Prayer in Life Groups

Prayer, according to Chuck Lawless in his book Potential and Power of Prayer, is simply "Communicating with God." He goes on to say that prayer is an "expression of our relationship with God and a confession of our dependence on him." As we listen to him in his Word we then have the opportunity to speak to him in prayer!

As you lead your Life Group to communicate to God in prayer, we encourage you to enlist a Prayer Coordinator. The Prayer Coordinator will lead the class to:

- Keep prayer central in all meetings and events
- Seek prayer request from your class and share them with the entire class. They also should share answers to prayer with the whole class so all can rejoice!
- Connect with the church to promote churchwide prayer efforts
- Identify and pray for specific Taylors FBC ministries and partners using Engage Partner Updates as well as UUPGs.

Guide to pray for our church:

JanuaryChurch Leaders

FebruaryAnother Life Group near you

MarchClass Outreach

AprilChildren and Student Ministries

MayEngage Teams

JuneLife Group Leaders

JulyCollege Ministry

AugustLocal Schools

SeptemberWorship Team and Services

OctoberLove Taylors

NovemberChristmas Services

DecemberThanksgiving for all God has done in your Life Group and our church

Remember: *The Church Newsletter is a great prayer guide!*

SCAN THE QR CODES FOR RESOURCES

Sign Up for Daily
Prayer Emails



"Praying the Bible"
by Donald S. Whitney



Five Psalms App
Apple



Five Psalms App
Android





Biblical Fellowship

Biblical Fellowship – Our times together are “spiritually intentional to sharpen one another while experiencing life together” (Pastoral Theology). The goal is spiritual development as each individual works together for the building up of one another! Writing in regards to Hebrews 10:24-25, David Mathis says, “A literal translation is: ‘Consider each other for love and good deeds.’ Know each other. Get close. Stay close. Go deep. And consider particular persons, and interact with them, such that you exhort and inspire them to love and good deeds specifically to their mix.” In these hard days, we need one another, to “exhort one another... that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12,13).

Fellowship and Care

- Recognize life events in a special way (birthdays, baby showers, weddings, etc.)
- Communicate prayer needs and praises to Life Group members weekly (email, Facebook, etc.).
- Coordinate communication between Life Group members. This can happen organically through phone calls, texts or email chains, but also can be structured through a weekly email which covers current events.
- Create a Care Team. Each member of the Care Team would be responsible for weekly checkups on their appointed Life Group members. One team member could look over 5, 7, or 9 people. It would be the responsibility of the care Team member to report to the Care Team Leader the specific needs, which would then be communicated by the Care Team Leader to the teacher, class, and added to the prayer list.
- Ministering to Life Group members in crisis. Possible ways to minister: taking meals, help with appointments, help with finances, etc.
- Ministering to Life Group members in sin. There is a proper way to address sin in a fellow believer, that he may be restored in fellowship with God and man. This is critical to growing in godliness and holiness, as well as maintaining the health of the church. Here is an article that may be helpful: "A Church Discipline Primer" by Jonathan Leeman (www.9marks.org/article/church-discipline-primer). Please feel free to contact one of your pastors for advice and help when needed.



Evangelism

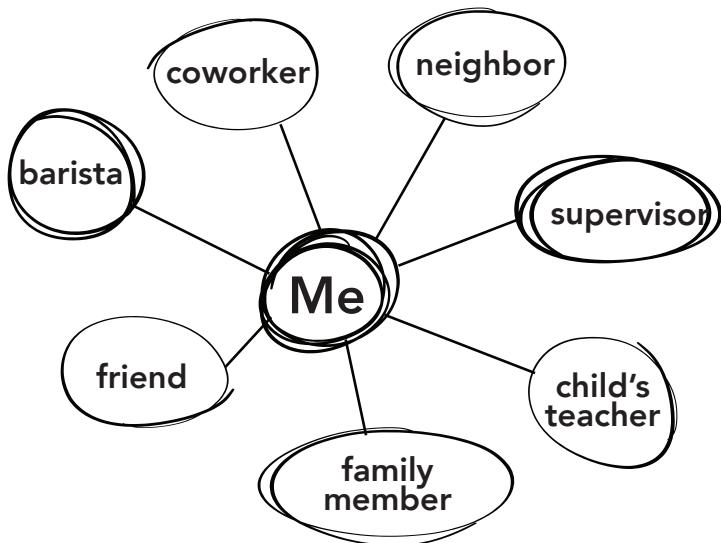
Jesus came to seek and save the lost, and he has called his disciples to follow him! He calls us to be fishers of man, his witnesses! As Life Group leaders we are called not only to be his witnesses but to equip the saints to go and make disciples – Abide/Go/Share/Disciple.

Evangelism Tools

Pray for the lost by name. Encourage people to identify those God has put in their life to hear the gospel from them and then put that person's name on the board to pray for. Use the Oikos Map, Testimony, and 3 Circles tools. Follow-up each Sunday on what has happened through the week in the lives of those who have been shared. Rejoice when they receive Christ and bring them into your Life Group!

For further opportunities to reach our community, nation, and the nations, contact Steven Crittendon at stevenc@taylorsfbc.org.

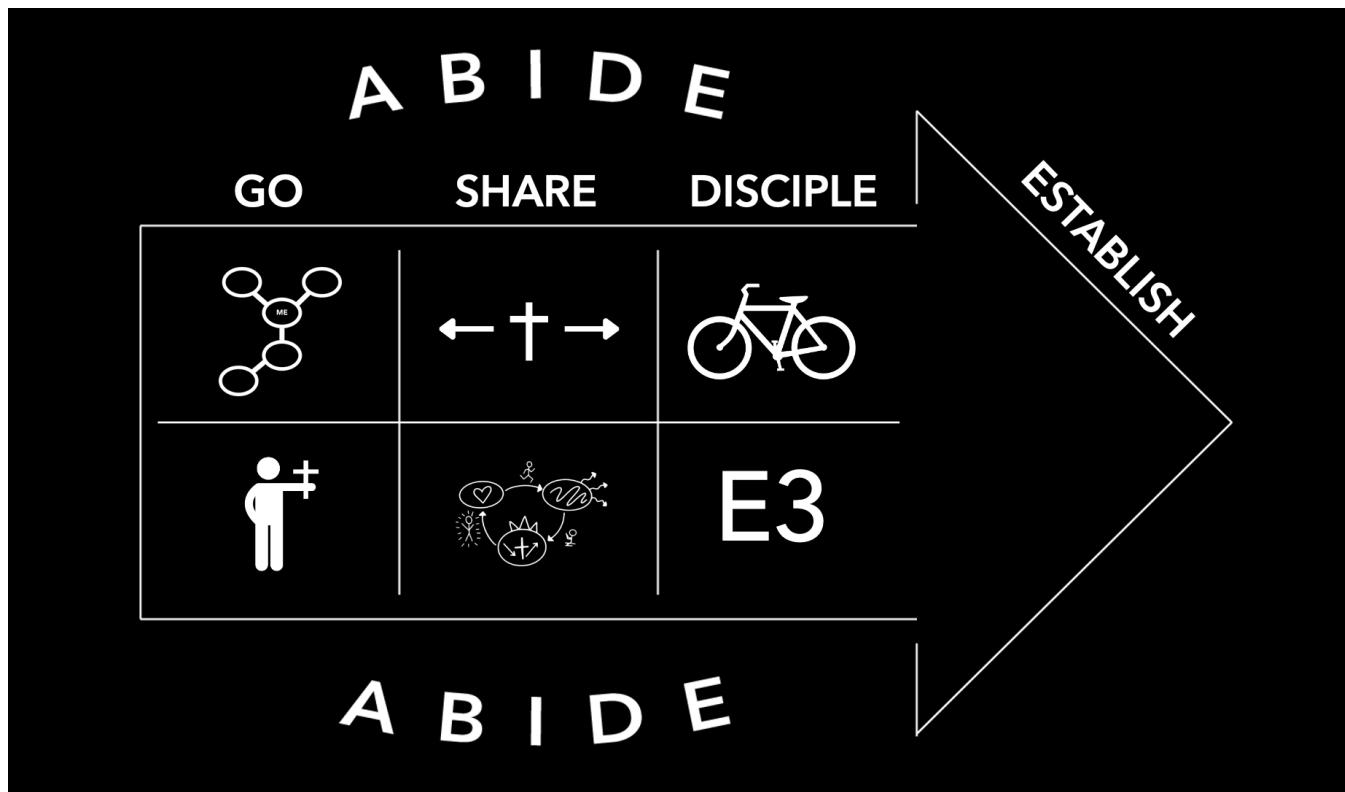
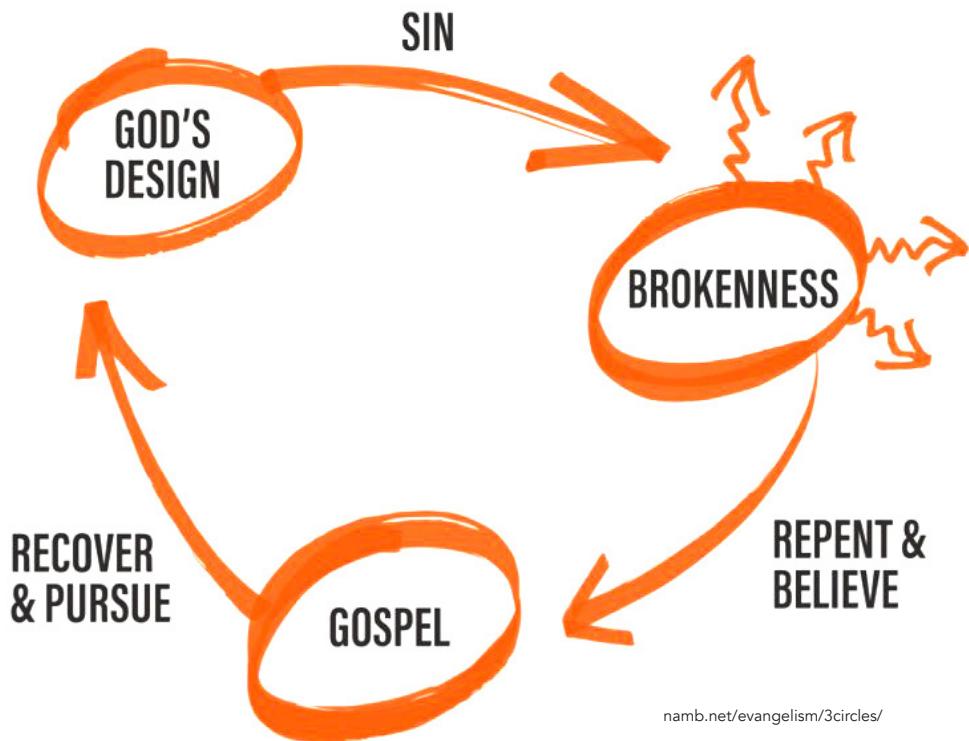
OIKOS MAP



HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY



3 CIRCLES



Discipleship Tool: Disciple Cycle

The Disciple Cycle is the tool that Taylors FBC has adopted to equip every believer to be a healthy disciple who makes disciples. It is a 12-week study that lays out the biblical patterns that are foundational for every healthy disciple. The biblical patterns are given in a way that equips the learned to follow the patterns and pass them along to the next generation.

View/download
Disciple Cycle
Tools



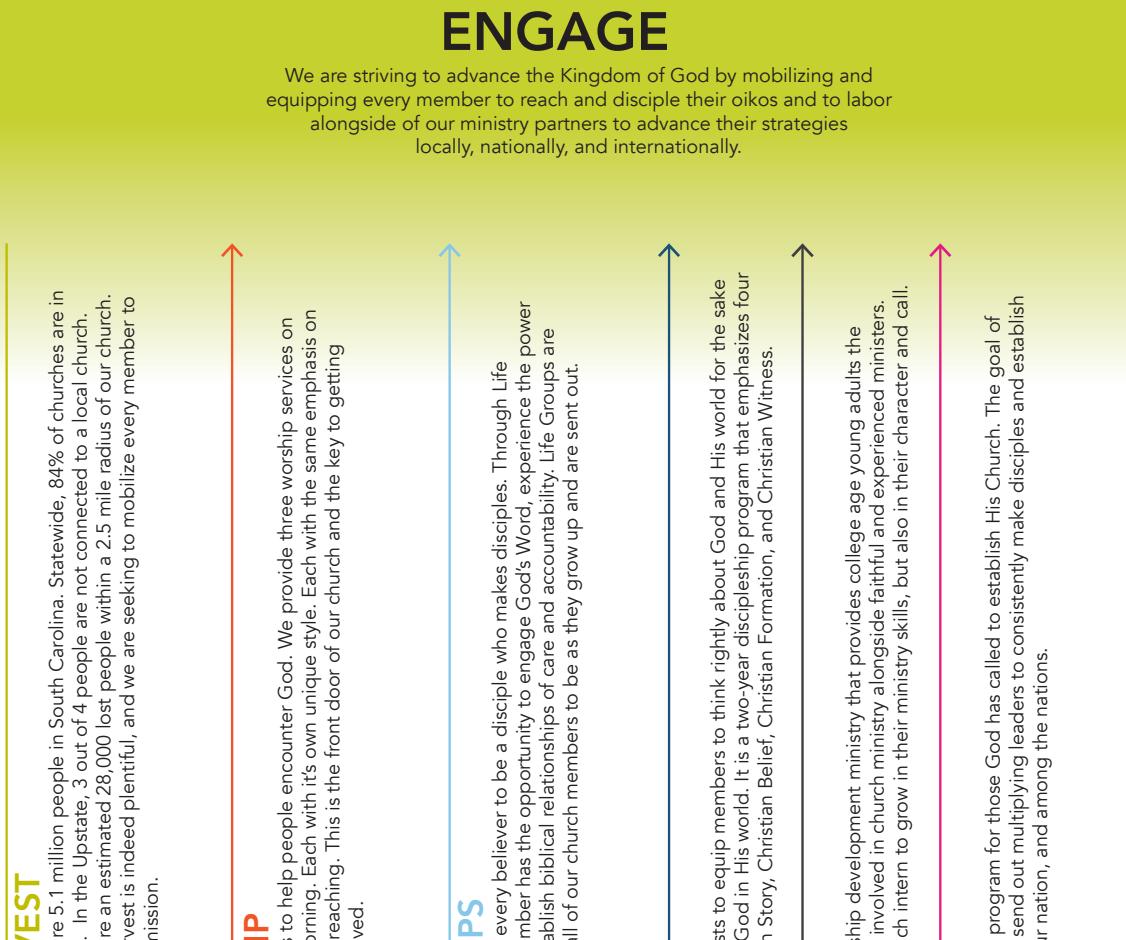
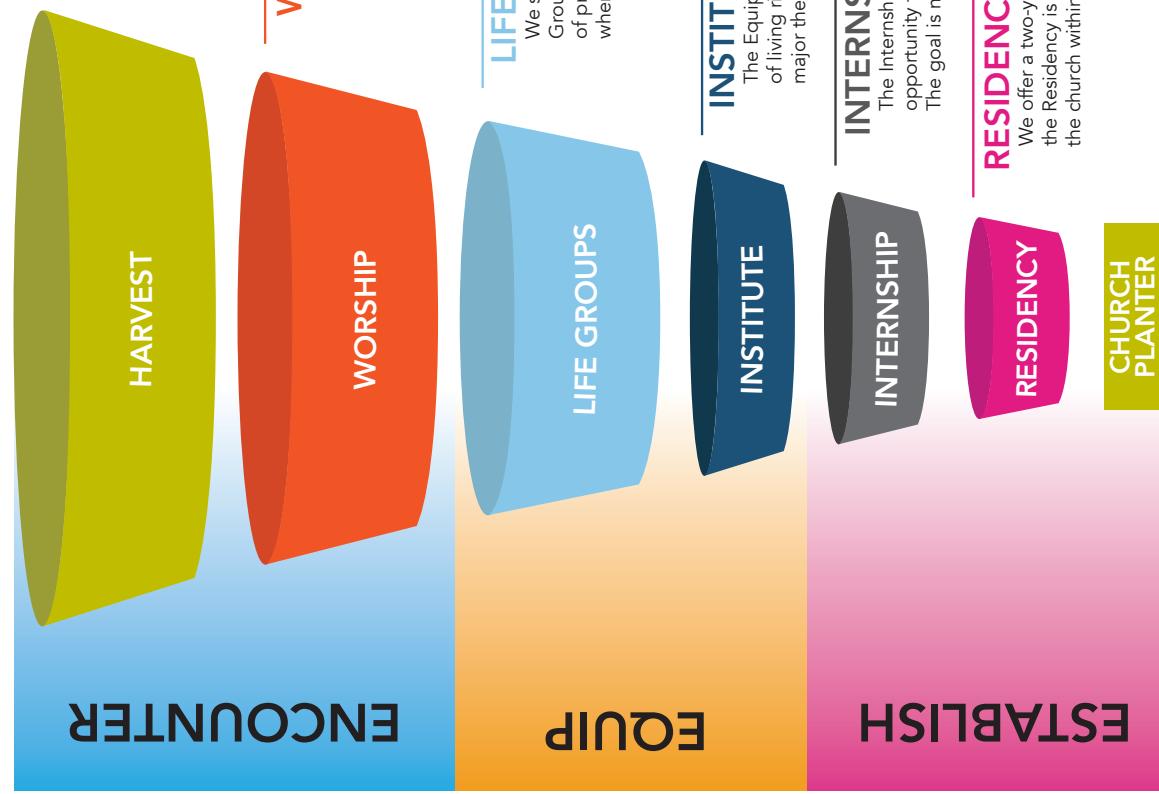


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DISCIPLESHIP FUNNEL

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19



We are striving to advance the Kingdom of God by mobilizing and equipping every member to reach and disciple their oikos and to labor alongside of our ministry partners to advance their strategies locally, nationally, and internationally.



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