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Healthy Church: The Faith Avenue

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faith av·e·nue

/fāTH/ /'avə,n(y)ōō/

noun

1. Faith Avenue = Discipleship

2. Christian discipleship is the disciplined habit of thinking and acting in Christ. Discipleship is growing closer to Christ and more like Christ, AND growing deeper into Christian community with other believers.

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examples:

- Spaces where disciple-making and spiritual growth can be nurtured.
- The avenue where community is built through **relational & spiritually-formational** activities.

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The Three C's

The Faith Avenue consists of three main components:

- 1. Church Life**
- 2. Connect Groups**
- 3. Cross-Generational Care**

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1. church life

/CHərCH/ /līf/

noun

- 1. relationship-building & spiritual enrichment among members **between Sundays.**

examples:

- Retreats
- One-on-one mentoring
- Other ministries specific to your congregation's needs

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con·nect groups

/kə'nekt/ /groops/

noun

1. **small groups** that often meet in homes for relationship-building & spiritual formation.

examples:

- Affinity groups (men's/women's ministry, young families, etc.)
- New Members Groups
- Neighborhood Connect Groups

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cross-gen·er·a·tion·al care

/krôz/ /jenə'rāSH(ə)nəl/ /ker/

noun

1. relationship-building within and **across age groups**, with an emphasis on spiritual application for different life stages.

examples:

- In-home visits with guests and members
- Family-based Youth Ministry

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