

Session #2: Developing a Discipleship Pathway

Reflection

- Name a shift or addition you've made to your centering, bounded, or bridging practices.

Discipleship in your congregation:

- Where are you seeing movement toward Jesus?
- What feels strong or vibrant?
- What still feels unclear or stuck?

Teaching

Why One-Size-Fits-All Doesn't Work

Universal + Local = Healthy Pathway

Universal Discipleship

- Grounded in Scripture
- Centered on Jesus
- Shared Christian practices (prayer, worship, service)
- Calls all believers to transformation and mission

Local Expression

- Shaped by context, culture, and neighborhood
- Reflects local relationships and language
- Adapts to people's lived experience
- Responsive to local needs and rhythms

Healthy pathway
Holistic and sustainable



- Spiritually rooted and culturally aware
- Holistic and sustainable
- Disciples formed in real life, not just programs

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Discipleship Pathway Essentials

Elements	Description
Meaningful	Clear why behind each step; spiritually relevant
Formational	Leads to transformation, not just information
Communal	Done together, not in isolation
Renewal	Connected to local mission and neighborhood
Rhythmic	Repeatable; allows for re-entry and long-term engagement
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From Reflection to Pathway

Markers of Maturity:

- What does a mature disciple look like in your church context?
- What signs of Christlikeness, wisdom, theology, or mission do you want to see?
- Who in your church already shows these marks? How do you know?

Assumptions and Culture:

- What assumptions currently shape discipleship in your church?
- What do your church's behaviors say about what you value?
- What structures or traditions might need to shift for deeper formation to take place?

Consider the following:

1. Where are you seeing formation take root—and where do people seem to get stuck?
2. What tools, relationships, or rhythms have helped people grow spiritually in your setting?
3. What assumptions or cultural patterns might be limiting growth?
4. If you could name one discipleship essential to build your pathway around, what would it be?

Next Steps:

- ▶ Complete the tool for developing a local discipleship pathway.
 - ▶ [Use this framework](#)