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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: AN AL CASE STUDY

Church:

Marvin Methodist Church Tyler, TX



Challenge:

Build a dynamic discipling culture in a large church

Outcome:

150 members joined discipleship groups tailored to their needs

How:

Through a churchwide retreat and discipleship assessment, coached by Ascending Leaders



Case Notes:

- Marvin Methodist Church contracted with Ascending Leaders to coach them in building a discipleship culture.
- Took a church “Discipleship Assessment” under the guidance of Ascending Leaders.
- Designed and created new class meetings, band meetings and discipleship groups.
- Over 150 members become active in their new discipleship culture; driving church-wide impact.

“Ascending Leaders helped Marvin Methodist Church think more broadly about discipleship. More than programming, it is a process that engages all of life and mirrors the stages of human development.

Ascending Leaders

- introduced us to the concept of a Discipleship Continuum
- trained us in its application.

Now, more than content, we are offering opportunities for people to go further in their faith journey and experience transformation. The ultimate goal being a life rooted, grounded and centered in Christ.”

Dr. Marc Donaldson
Pastor of Discipleship
and Community Formation



MISSION IN ACTION

Equipping churches for Christ-centered discipleship.
Measurable results. Eternal outcomes.

“The Ascending Leaders Discipleship Retreat and Leadership Consultation of assessment results played an important role in helping our church get behind the vision to move people forward in their faith and establish a tangible discipleship pathway for the church. I am grateful for Mike Johnson’s insightful and helpful guidance of Marvin through this process. I look forward to retaking the survey as a church again next year so that we can celebrate the spiritual growth of our faith community.”



Dr. Doug Baker
Senior Pastor, Marvin Methodist Church

North American churches currently
on mission with Ascending Leaders



“I have heard very good things from the church about you and the material. I thought it was excellent. It is one of those deep dive studies on discipleship which I hoped for and knew our church needed. Please pray with me that it continues to spread and cause our church to think more intentionally about our mission.”



Rev. Michael Hansen, Lead Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Wichita Falls, TX

MISSION ABROAD



Location:

A closed country not-to-be named.

Challenge:

Village churches need a discipleship culture, rather than a pastor-dependent program.

Outcome:

Pastors/church leaders explored together how to build discipleship cultures in their settings.

How:

A Pastor's Discipleship Workshop, March 29-30, 2023.

Case Notes:

- A great amount of time was spent on internalizing.
- Each pastor, with the help of their church leaders present, built their own action plan.
- The training started by distinguishing discipleship-oriented Christianity from program-oriented Christianity.
- Since the churches are new village churches, the time is ripe for having a discipleship culture at the onset.



MISSION EXPERIENCED

"I was a rag picker (Waste collector) and used to collect waste in the same area where are conducting our training. I am so grateful that God has lifted me from the garbage. He has brought me to this training that I do not even deserve. I do not read or write. My congregation also doesn't read and write but we are thankful that we are maintaining our faith in spite of lots of challenges. I want my congregation to drink sweet cold water and I want my congregation to eat green grass which can happen only when I will work hard to create a culture of discipleship. I am thankful that I learned about Disciple, Discipleship, and the stages of faith."

Pastor A...

"We are receiving this training very late. We should have received it a few years ago. I am serving the Lord in a tribal area and there are unique challenges in our context which hinder our new believers to grow in the Lord. I am so blessed by the sessions about the Stages of faith. We have a language for the people who are not growing. We understand that it is a wall experience for them. I am now able to diagnose that people in our Churches are experiencing the wall and now I know what I should do to move them forward."

Pastor J...

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