

# highpoint



## ascending leaders

equipping churches for Christ-centered discipleship

## Churches Experience Forward Movement

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Colossians 2:6-7

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

This is our mission for every church we serve. And every church we serve runs into distractions and frustrations that threaten to get in the way of Christ-centered discipleship.

We are delighted when churches work through those challenges while keeping their eye on building a discipleship culture.

This is no small task. In these chaotic times, it takes resolve and courage to keep Jesus's main goal of making disciples the main goal of a congregation.

## Small Church in Kansas Co-lab Shows Big Results



When the Kansas co-lab began in 2022, The Goddard Church showed the strongest assessment results Ascending Leaders has ever seen in a church. When they completed the co-lab in 2024, their follow up assessment showed they maintained this stellar performance despite a

denomination and pastor change that would have likely distracted and derailed less discipleship-focused churches. Their satisfaction with the church and its leadership's role in their spiritual growth was far above average of other churches.



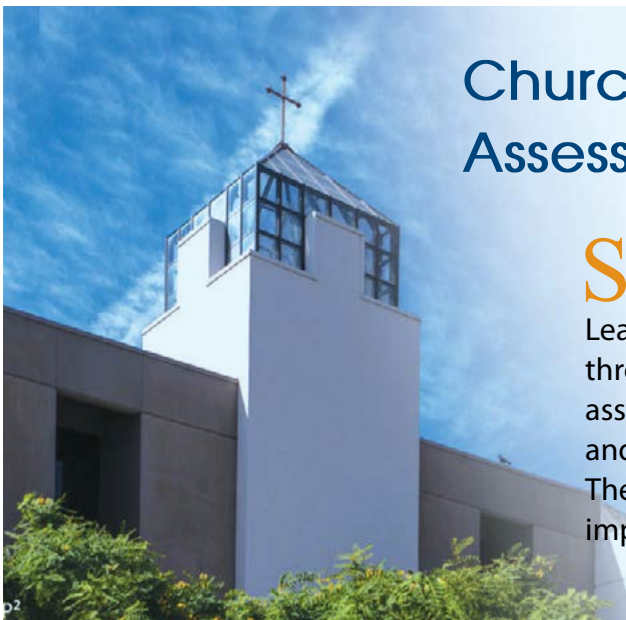
# “Mission Accomplished” Soars



Marvin Methodist Church-Tyler, TX

The subject of our recent “Mission Accomplished” case study had taken a church discipleship assessment in 2021 at the beginning of the coaching process with Ascending Leaders. The church took the assessment again in 2024 and showed measurable improvement since 2021. Most notable were the following:

- **Belief in a Personal God** increased almost 20 percentage points.
- Personal practices of **Reflection on Scripture** increased 10 percentage points.
- The activity of **Serving Those in Need on My Own** increased by 7 percentage points.
- Their **Personal Evangelism** score increased by 12 percentage points.
- Their **Members Who Thought of Leaving the Church** were far fewer than in other churches.
- They improved from being a “**Self-motivated**” church to being an “**Energized**” church.



## Church Schedules 4<sup>th</sup> Discipleship Assessment/Coaching

**S**olana Beach Presbyterian Church hired Ascending Leaders to coach them through a church discipleship assessment in 2019, 2021 and 2023.

The church showed so much improvement each time

that they chose to schedule with Ascending Leaders another assessment in 2025. Being coached through a discipleship assessment and implementation every 2-3 years can give multiple years of lasting change.





# International Work

## Pastor & Church Leader Training in July



**30**

leaders from **8** churches gather for discipleship training. Altogether, these leaders have shared the gospel with **28** unreached people groups.



The support of a foundation and an individual gift have allowed us to move forward with 2024 international plans.

## Discipleship Co-lab

**8**

new discipleship groups formed because of this co-lab.

**55** people participated in these groups.



**8** pastors gather together regularly to study discipleship in the co-lab.



# New Resource: Worksheets for Churches' Discipleship Teams



In response to the needs of the discipleship teams at churches, Ascending Leaders has put into worksheet format the content of our coaching. This has enhanced our coaching of churches with greater clarity. This new resource is now an additional benefit that churches receive from Ascending Leaders' coaching.



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