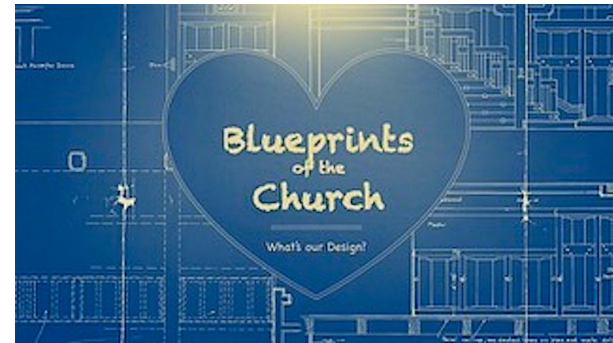


Praying Together

Your Life Group is a time to build solid Christian relationships, explore the Scripture together, and pray. Share some personal prayer items with each other, jotting things down in the space below so you can continue to pray at home. That's how Community Covenant engages in regular prayer.

Prayer For Each Other



Making Disciples

Matthew 28: 16-20

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Prayers For the Church

- Pray for church unity
- Pray for our leaders as they seek to discern God's direction as we move closer toward setting up a pastoral search committee
- Pray for the various areas of our church's ministry
- Pray for those dealing with recent tragedies and natural disasters

Pray for our community and the world

Before You Unroll the Blueprints:

Did you ever go to an evangelistic “crusade” or watch one on TV? What was the overall message that came through?

Opening the Blueprints:

Describe what you typically think of when you hear that someone “became a Christian.” What do you think of when you hear the term, “disciple?”

Read Matthew 28.16-20. Summarize the setting of these verses. Next, write out a paraphrase of what Jesus tells the disciples. Why does Jesus tell the eleven that he has authority to say what he says?

Noting that there is only one actual command here (“make disciples”), how do you think that his instructions to go, to baptize, and to teach, fit into that? What do you think the significance of baptism is? Since baptism is a rite of initiation, how does that add to your understanding?

What do you imagine Jesus is trying to tell his disciples when he instructs them to engage in teaching? What is it that they are to teach? Do you think this teaching is limited to head knowledge, or is there more to teaching than that? Now that you’ve thought more about baptizing and teaching, how do you think they may fit into disciple making?

Read Luke 14.25-33. Considering the fact that to “hate” something was a rabbi’s hyperbolic way of talking about choosing one thing over another person or thing, what is Jesus getting at here? What does this say about real discipleship?

Getting into the Superstructure:

“To disciple a person is to bring him [or her] into the relation of a pupil to a teacher” (Don Carson). Where do you think the church sometimes falls short in disciple making? How could a church actually, practically, bring someone into the relation of a pupil to our teacher, Jesus? How do we here at Community Covenant disciple people? How could we do that better?

Taking Some Personal Measurements:

To make disciples requires that we prioritize being disciples. What ways have you arranged your life so that you can prioritize being a pupil of Jesus? What other steps might you take to make discipleship a priority?