

DISCIPLESHIP **PATH**: STEP THREE

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WITH OTHERS



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## **The Step:**

*Connecting with Others*

## **The Heart:**

*“For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.” - Romans 1:11-12*

*“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” - Proverbs 27:17*

As we continue to encounter biblical teaching and as we are taking loving action to serve others, the third step of our discipleship process is to connect in deeply impactful relationship with someone or a group of others. Our goal for this step in the discipleship pathway is to see people move from only being people gathered together in the same room with other people to people who are actually getting to know other people and being known by other people. Lasting transformation usually happens within the context of a deeply meaningful relationship. These types of relationships allow others to speak deeply into our own life and situations where we can share burdens, celebrate together and recognize where God is at work, or where He needs to work.

This step in the discipleship pathway is about helping people make space in their life for this type of transforming relationship. We believe that this step of the discipleship pathway will be one of the most significant in seeing people grow in their faith and feel connected to the Church. Therefore, the goal of any of our groups is the forming of this type of relationship - no matter their style or focus.

## **Strategic Plan:**

- Facilitate Transforming Groups:
- Small Groups/Life Groups/Friendship Groups
- Study Groups
- Prayer Group
- Connect/Care Team
- Quarterly Events