



DISCIPLESHIP PATH: OPPORTUNITY NUMBER FOUR

EQUIPPING RESOURCES

“The Church needs to provide resources, equipping their congregations to take specific actions.”

In the wake of this pandemic it is clear that having the spiritual tools needed to survive, even thrive, while not being able to gather together face-to-face is of vital importance to the faith and well-being of everyone. While the proclamation of the Gospel and teachings of the Bible have always been, and will always be, primary for the church; we must elevate the ability of congregants to engage with and apply those teachings whenever and wherever they find themselves.

We have an opportunity to move from teaching only in one central location and at one central time to a format which can also include shorter, easily accessible, and extremely applicable methods of engagement around the weekly teaching available at any time throughout the week. We believe creating an on demand tool-kit with multiple ways of engaging biblical teaching, devotional resources, and spiritual disciplines will lead to greater opportunities for transformation in a post pandemic reality.

We see equipping the church with resources for spiritual growth as vital to a growing personal relationship with Jesus. If a growing and transformed life with Jesus is the goal of our teaching, we should do everything we can to connect people with what is needed in a way that make sense in the current reality of life.

Part of the success in this opportunity will be to move from focusing on how many people heard the teaching to how many people took steps on the discipleship path because of the teaching and weekly resourcing.

Finally, our tools need also to be available, accessible, and applicable for those who are exploring faith or who have recently begun a journey of faith with Jesus. In other words, the Gospel and discipling resourcing/tools need to be voiced not only for those in the church, but also for those who are not already connected to the church.

Key Take Aways:

- We need to shift from teaching only in one central location and time to a format which includes other methods of engagement around the weekly teaching available at in multiple ways and at any time throughout the week.
- We need to build an on demand toolkit of resources (digital & print) available to equip people to take their next steps toward Jesus.
- We need to shift from the desired outcome from being how many people heard the message, only, to how many people took steps because of the message; equip people with clear practical next steps that they can share with others.