

7 Ideas for **Being Purposeful** in disciple multiplication at Pillar Church.

Now that you have some understanding of the Biblical Principles and Basic Practices for establishing a discipleship culture in a local church, it is time to think about our church specifically. Here are some ideas that will help you move from theory to practice and leverage the existing structures and activities of the church.

1. **Utilize your Life Group.**

Life Groups facilitate personal engagement so that peer-to-peer discipleship can be more readily accomplished.

2. **Invite a New Member or Attender to go through the *Pillar Basics: Grow Your Faith* course.**

We imagine a day when it is second nature for seasoned members at Pillar to connect with incoming people and go through the *Grow Your Faith* discipleship tool with them. We want the environment to make it easy to say to someone, “One of the things that all of us do at Pillar is go through this short course to help one another grow our faith. I’d love to help you go through it if you are haven’t yet.”

- It will ensure that new members are introduced to peer-to-peer discipleship.
- It equips everyone with a pattern for engaging others in discipleship.

3. Identify an area of strength in your life and offer to help others (Marriage, Finances, Parenting, How to Read the Bible).

Here are a few examples of how you can take areas of strength, experience, or expertise in your life and impact the spiritual growth of others.

- **Marriage Mentoring.**
- **Financial Mentoring.**
- **Parenting Basics.**
- **Biblical Counseling Foundation course involvement.**
- **Endless Categories.**

4. Start with prayer. Perhaps this should have been further up the list. Simply put, our ministry will never outgrow our prayers. A little prayer generally leads to a little gospel influence. A lot of prayer leads to endless possibilities.

- **In your individual interactions** with other people at church take the time to find out the ways they need prayer.
- **In offering prayer after corporate worship** you can utilize the time the body is already together to connect with people who have prayer needs.
- **In establishing a prayer group in your workplace** you can connect with Christians and potentially non-Christians in your place of work.

5. Arrive 15 minutes early for Worship and make connections (or stay 15 minutes after).

If you were to consistently arrive early and get to know a few people who are coming in at that time, you will be surprised how quickly you have a network of relationships to pursue for making disciples.

6. Start where you serve.

In the context of serving we learn about one another and will become aware of ways we may encourage growth and initiate peer-to-peer discipling opportunities.

7. Make a commitment. Our courses are designed to *inform and catalyze* the practices that we believe will help you develop into a multiplier.

We want you to make a commitment to complete the course by taking the following three steps:

- **Work through the *Grow Your Faith* tool with 1 to 2 other people over the next 6 months.**
- **Read *The Trellis and the Vine* by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne or *Discipling* by Mark Dever.** You get to choose and we will provide the book!
- **Write a 500-word reflection on what you have learned upon completion.**

If you are willing to make the commitment to do these things we will provide some reminders, coaching, and accountability to help you make progress. Let us know that you want to make the commitment by sending a short email to elders@pillarchurchsbc.com.