

Congregation-wide Adult Discipleship: Building Effective Discipleship Systems in Your Church

3.5 hour exploration for ministry leaders



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How does a church succeed at making disciples across the breadth of a congregation? That is not an easy question to answer. This seminar will present what congregations successful at congregation-wide discipleship are learning about this. Come and get ideas for your church

Presenter: Dr. Mike Johnson, Fuller adjunct professor and teacher of the Fuller Masters course of the same title. He will share about the stages of spiritual growth and the size of groups for spiritual growth and why the two matter, along with additional factors important for congregation-wide adult discipleship.



at the campus of Fuller Seminary Texas - 10200 Richmond Ave., Houston, TX

Who should attend?

- **Senior Pastors and Solo Pastors**—A church can thrive at congregational-wide adult discipleship only if the senior pastor is passionate about discipleship happening across the breadth of the congregation.
- **Associate and Discipleship Pastors**—For many, this is their responsibility in the church life.
- **Small Group Staff and Coordinators**--Much spiritual formation is catalyzed in small groups.
- **Other Church Leaders**—This is a critical issue which directly affects the health and future of a church.

RSVP to Missy Sturd at missysturd@fuller.edu. Do so soon, since participation is limited to the first 35 to register.

Recommendations:

I've been involved as a lay minister in discipleship ministries for 25 years in a wide variety of settings and using a variety of programs and materials. I've spent many years, down in the trenches; Dr. Johnson picked me up like a helicopter and pulled me up to a bird's eye view to survey the landscape. It has helped me see not only the big picture of my trench, but many trenches being dug by those all around me as well. It was a great chance to see how others are operating, as well as to assess what we have been trying from a completely different perspective. I'm parachuting back into the trenches now, but I feel like I have many more tools in my tool box, and most importantly, have a new perspective on what we need to change in our ministry in order to be more effective.



Eric Shenk,
MDiv student at Fuller Seminary Southwest Campus (Phoenix)
Trinity Mennonite Church

The presentation was fantastic, and you set us up nicely for the rest of our conference. Mike gave us the foundation and framework that produced awesome reflection and action plans the next day. With the help of Mike Johnson, our Church is being renewed and re-energized in its passion to make disciples. His workshop in congregation-wide discipleship has given us key insights and frameworks to re-tool our ministry for intentional spiritual growth.

Gary Travis

Pastor of Leadership Development
New Hope Community Church
Gilbert, AZ

The Church-Wide Adult Discipleship program is great. Dr. Michael Johnson provides the latest in adult formation and discipling theory, the tools to assess your current church practice, and best known methods for individual and group engagement in order to move your congregation to the next level of commitment to Christ. This workshop will help you help your church deepen their love for Jesus and their service to God's kingdom.

Elaine Pope
MDiv student at Fuller Seminary Southwest Campus (Phoenix)
Pastoral Intern in Adult Education at Church of the Epiphany-Episcopal
Tempe, AZ

Mike Johnson's presentation provides a helpful framework for small group and discipleship ministry leaders. He has woven together Willow Creek's reveal study with other important resources to help leaders understand more about the variety of spiritual starting places and belonging needs. Mike will also help you think about how to apply these ideas to your ministry context.

Sam Huizenga, Missional Discipleship Goal Specialist
Christian Reformed Home Missions
Grand Rapids, MI

Michael Johnson gets it. He understands that simply being passionate about discipleship isn't enough. Kinda like, just loving your children doesn't necessarily mean you know how to get them to a happy, productive maturity. Both parenting and discipling benefit from a plan. As pastors and laymen called by the Great Commission to "make disciples" we can all appreciate the guidance and wisdom of a scripture based "game plan."

God has gifted us all in different ways and has given each of us unique situations, so an absolute blueprint is impractical; but it sure is helpful when ideas and "programs" that God has blessed in other places are shared and encouraged.

While attending a seminar led by Michael last spring I shared some questions I had about a discipleship idea our church was working on. His input led us to a significant change in our approach, and his continuing communication with me far beyond the scope of the seminar, was not only helpful, but wonderfully encouraging.

James De Horn, Director of Discipleship and Adult Education
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