



THE FOUR STEPS IN THE *DISCIPLESPATH* PROCESS



1. **DISCOVER: Returning to the Biblical Blueprint**

Every disciple-making journey begins with Scripture. In this foundational phase, pastors and church leaders are invited to rediscover what the Bible says about discipleship—who a disciple is, what a disciple does, and how disciples are formed. Through guided study and reflection on key passages, leaders will explore the Old and New Testaments, life and teachings of Jesus, the practices of the early church, and the biblical vision for spiritual growth. View this as more than just an academic exercise—it’s a time of spiritual renewal and clarity. The goal is to uncover timeless truths that will anchor your church’s disciple-making efforts in biblical conviction and purpose.



2. **DISCERN: Evaluating the Present Reality**

With a biblical foundation in place, the next step is to take an honest and prayerful look at your church’s current disciple-making strategy. Many churches are rich in activity—programs, events, and ministries—but lack a cohesive, intentional pathway for spiritual formation across all age groups. In this phase, leaders will assess existing efforts, identify gaps, and discern whether current practices are truly forming disciples or simply maintaining engagement. This is a time for clarity and courage. Ask hard questions, reflect deeply, and seek alignment between your church’s mission and methods.



3. **DESIGN: Building a Pathway Forward**

Armed with biblical insight and a clear understanding of your church’s current reality, leaders will begin designing a discipleship pathway that is strategic and Spirit-led. This pathway may involve creating something new or refining what

already exists. Whether it's introducing fresh rhythms of spiritual formation, enhancing existing ministries, or creating intentional environments for growth, this phase helps churches build a roadmap that guides people from new believer to mature disciple. The design process is collaborative, contextual, and focused on creating a pathway that is visible, reproducible, and measurable, but that fits your church's unique culture and calling.



4. DEPLOY: Activating the Mission

The final step is deployment—putting the plan into motion and mobilizing the church to embrace a culture of disciple-making. This is where vision becomes reality. Churches will communicate the pathway clearly, equip leaders to guide others, and help every member understand their role in the mission. Think about deployment not as launching a new initiative, but cultivating a movement. It involves training, storytelling, celebration, and ongoing support. Most importantly, it empowers disciples to become disciple-makers, multiplying the impact of the church and fulfilling the Great Commission in everyday life.

DISCIPLES PATH TIMELINE

DisciplesPath is a strategic process for churches seeking to revitalize their disciple-making ministries, built around four essential steps: **Discover, Discern, Design, And Deploy.**

DisciplesPath is designed to be about a six-month journey, allowing time for thoughtful reflection, collaborative planning, and intentional implementation. However, the timeline is flexible and can be adjusted to fit the unique pace, rhythms, and availability of your church.

The goal is not speed, but clarity—ensuring that each phase is given the attention it deserves to produce lasting results.