

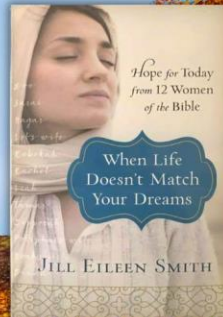
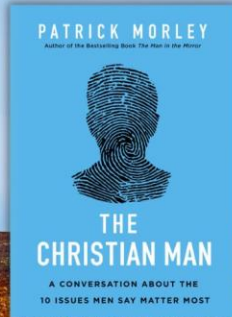
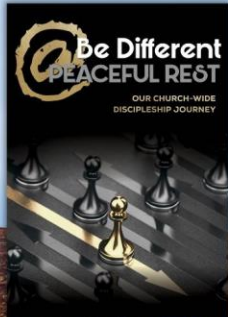
FALL DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Begins September 11

NEW MEMBERS: BE DIFFERENT

MEN: THE CHRISTIAN MAN

WOMEN: WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MATCH YOUR DREAMS



STUDENT ORIENTATION

▪ What is community?

Community is the connection of a group of people around what they have in common.

Feeling of fellowship with others as a result of embracing shared beliefs and/or common interests.

There is an African philosophy called "ubuntu." It represents collective success. Its mantra is "I am because we are and because we are I am." Ubuntu means "I can't be all I can be unless you're all that you can be."

If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.

Discipleship best occurs in community!

Community means that people come together around the table, not just to feed their bodies, but to feed their minds and their relationships.

-Henri J.M. Nouwen

▪ What is our goal?

[Our goal is to move people from membership to maturity and from maturity to ministry.](#)

▪ Meet Our Facilitators

POWER: Children and Youth Ministry

Beginners

Marilyn Lane
Chrishonda Harper

Elementary

Annetta Osborne
Cherri White

Middle School

Jacoby White
Wynona Jackson

High School

Alecia Bouligny

Newest Members

Sunday Group

R. Timothy Jones
Kelsey Jackson

Wednesday Group

Rico Craig
Lillie Norton

Women's Life Ministry

Group 1	Eloise J. Lewis Emma Shepard
Group 2	Susan Willis Capers Jackie Brown-Denby
Group 3	Jeanette Smith Taurean Randolph
Group 4 (Saturday)	Mary A. Trammel Amy Whitaker Barnes
Group 5 (Wednesday)	Melissa Spellman Angela McKinney Young
Group 6 (Emerging Adults)	Chena W. Johnson

Men's Discipleship

Sunday Group	Darwin L. Jones Jack Johnson Jr.
Wednesday Group	Raymond Love Marlowe Spellman

▪ Curriculum

Men's Discipleship – *The Christian Man* by Patrick Morley

The Christian Man is filled with powerful stories and refreshingly practical answers to questions like: How can I lead a more balanced life? How can I have a deeper walk with God? What makes a great husband? How can I become a dad who makes a difference? How should I think about my work? What's the right way to deal with lust?

Women's Life Groups – *When Life Doesn't Match Your Dreams* by Jill Eileen Smith

Drawing on her extensive research into women of the Old Testament, novelist Jill Eileen Smith turns her pen to the lessons in trusting God that we can learn today from women like Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and more. Participants will learn from what these ancient women did right--and even what they did wrong--when faced with dashed expectations and deferred dreams.

New(est) Members – *Be Different @ Peaceful Rest*

At Peaceful Rest, we know that discipleship is not a program in the church but the purpose of the church. The Be Different Discipleship Journey is our unique curriculum to lay the foundation for maturity in the faith. Participants will explore fundamentals of worship, stewardship, prayer, Scripture, and other tenets of the faith.

▪ What each group is asked to do:

1. **GROW** – Study together weekly
2. **SERVE** – Design and execute a mission/community service project
3. **CARE** – Plan a fellowship opportunity (away from the campus!)

▪ The “Empty Seat”

As open groups, new people are welcome. Each group should strive to have at least one new person weekly. If a new person decides to join the group, a new “empty chair” should be added.

▪ Group Leadership

1. **Prayer leader:** Opens and closes sessions with prayer [ALWAYS open the floor and yield to volunteers].
2. **Connection leader [secretary]:** Keeps the roll and manages communication for group members [especially those missing].
3. **Mission leader:** Plans, coordinates, and executes the group's mission project.
4. **Fellowship leader:** Plans, coordinates, and executes the group's fellowship opportunity.
5. **Evangelist (the niciest person in the group-LOL!):** Makes the person in “the empty seat” feel welcome.

▪ **GROUP COVENANT (Ground Rules)**

1. EVERYONE HAS VALUE – EVERYONE!
2. Be humble, be gentle, and be patient. (Ephesians 4:2)
3. What is said here, stays here.
4. Jesus, not judgment.
Grace, not guilt.
5. Let us HEAR each other.
6. Speak life and only life!
[Death and life are in the power of the tongue. \(Proverbs 18:21\)](#)
7. Your sins are the only sins you have the right to confess.
8. No preaching, lecturing, “piggy-backing”, or unsolicited advice!
9. Dialogue is good; debate is not.
10. Community is EVERYTHING!

▪ **Important Dates**

- ✓ July 6 – One Night Revival
- ✓ July 31- Church-wide Evangelistic Training
- ✓ August 24 – Family Prayer Night
- ✓ August 28 – Family and Friends Day
- ✓ [September 7 – Fall Discipleship Orientation](#)
 - September 11 – Fall Discipleship Begins
 - [October 2 – Super Sunday](#)¹
 - December 11 – Ministry Fair

▪ **What Is Success?**

1. Did we connect with God and one another?
2. Did we turn principles into practice?
3. Did we serve others?
4. Did we build relationships?
5. Did we make more disciplers?

¹ Perfect Attendance Sunday (This is also the purge date.)