

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. [Ephesians 4:I-3,NIV]

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1.	The success of our discipleship journey
2.	Facilitators
3.	Participants <sup>1</sup>
4.	Curriculum [dedication of the book]
5.	A Discipleship Pastor or Director
6.	The Empty Chair
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### DISCUSSION - What could go wrong and how can we fix it?

WHAT COULD GO WRONG	HOW TO FIX IT	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Facilitators are to pray for their groups in their respective study spaces [Call the names of each participant].

#### **Pastoral Directives**

- 1. Text "TEACH" to 318-497-4141.
- 2. An expression of gratitude
- 3. Distribution of books
- 4. Initial contacts?
- 5. On-site registration?
- 6. Space assignments [for March 3 ONLY!]

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#### The First Session

[The purpose of the first session is community and covenant building.]

- 1. Welcome SMILE!!!
- 2. Introductions [Facilitators go last ALWAYS!]
- 3. Prayer Ask participants if there is anything that we can pray for them for?
- 4. What is the Be Different Discipleship Journey?

Be Different @ Peaceful Rest is our church-wide discipleship journey. The goal is to move our people from membership to maturity and from maturity to ministry.

5. Define community

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

#### Why is this important?

#### Discipleship is best done in community.

- 6. Select leaders
  - a. Prayer leader Opens and closes sessions with prayer [ALWAYS open the floor and yield to volunteers].
  - b. Connection leader [secretary] Keeps the roll and manages communication for group members [especially those missing].
    - First  $absence^2 call$  from the connection leader

    - Second consecutive absence call from the facilitator Third consecutive absence postcard from the pastor iii.
  - c. Mission leader Plan, coordinate, and execute the group's mission project.
  - d. Fellowship leader Plan, coordinate, and execute the group's fellowship opportunity.
  - e. Evangelist Make the person in "the empty seat" feel welcomed.
- 7. Distribute books and have participants to sign for them [replacements are \$5].
- 8. Articulate elements of the group's discipleship covenant

While our group's discipleship covenant is written with grace, it shall definitively guide and govern the group individually and collectively.

Group Connection and Study Time

Ice breaker/community building [3] Prayer Time/Praise Reports [6] Group Study [45] Announcements/Procedural Matters [3] Who's in the Empty Chair? [1] Closing Prayer [2]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An absence without prior notice to the connection leader or facilitator.

## DISCIPLESHIP SPACE ALLOCATIONS

SPACE	Class [Number]	Facilitators
Music Suite	Adults Growing in Christ [22]	D. Jones, D. Johnson
Sanctuary North	Seasoned Saints [41]	C. Burton, C. Morgan
Sanctuary East	Co-Ed [Non-registered persons]	B. Baker, C. Baker
Choir Loft Center	Couples [17]	Bogans/White
Balcony Center	Young Adults [15]	Y. Dodson, S. Jackson, J. Howard
Room 101 - Nursery	Children	L. Brown, A. Osborne
Room 102	Children's overflow	
Room 103	Youth overflow	
Room 104	Tuesday Group [6]	S. Jackson, J. Clark
Room 105	Thursday Group [12]	S. Capers, M. Capers
North Foyer	Men's Discipleship [23]	T. Jeter, J. Johnson, R. Love, M. Davenport
South Foyer I	Wednesday @ Noon Group [25]	D. Woods, T. Jones
South Foyer II	Saturday Group [14]	A.Whitaker, M. Trammel
Fellowship Hall	#TeenScene [Middle/High School]	M. Jones, T. Randolph
Multi-Purpose Room Section A	Women's Group A [17]	E. Lewis, B. Collier
Multi-Purpose Room Section B	Women's Group B [15]	S. Jones, V. Jackson
Multi-Purpose Room Section C	Women's Group C [16]	A.Combs, M. Shelby
Multi-Purpose Room Section D	Singles [15]	W. Jackson, P. Moore

# For Sunday, March 3, 2019 ONLY!