

discipleFLIP Church Implementation Process Phased Approach outline

“Flipping the script on disciple-making from programmatic to relational.”

Phase 1: Leadership Preparation (2–4 Weeks Before Launch)

1. Pastoral Vision Casting

- Senior Pastor and leadership team review the discipleFLIP book and sermon series.
- Clearly define the vision: Discipleship isn’t a program—it’s a lifestyle.
- Emphasize that technology will not initiate connections—people will.

2. Appoint a discipleFLIP Champion Team

- Select 3–5 spiritually mature individuals (staff or lay leaders).
- Their role: facilitate commitment, guide follow-ups, and track progress manually.

3. Train Leaders on the F.L.I.P. Strategy

- Use the F.L.I.P. model:
 - F – Find those around you to disciple
 - L – Listen to their life and needs
 - I – Invest intentionally and sacrificially
 - P – Persist through the hard, holy work of disciple-making
- Equip team with printed or digital guidebooks, flip cards, or training sessions.

Phase 2: ROLL OUT OPTOPNS

1. Churchwide Sermon Series Launch (6 Weeks)

Best for: Congregations ready to align Sunday teaching with small group engagement.

- Preach a 6-week discipleFLIP sermon series, with each week focused on one part of the process.
- Equip small group leaders with the Leader Guide to facilitate discussions tied to the sermon.
- Provide workbooks for every participant to apply the principles beyond Sunday.

2. Small Group/Bible Study Rollout (6-Week Pilot)

Best for: Churches or ministries wanting to start with a test group before wider adoption.

- Gather a small group of leaders or committed members.
- Use the discipleFLIP Leader Guide and Participant Workbook for a 6-week journey.
- Evaluate the process, celebrate transformation stories, and prepare those leaders to multiply into new groups.

3. Ministry Team or Departmental Rollout

Best for: Churches introducing discipleFLIP in targeted ministries first.

- Implement the process with a specific ministry team (e.g., youth, men's, women's, missions).
- Allow leaders to model disciple-making before expanding to the wider church.

4. One-on-One Discipleship Rollout

Best for: Personal mentoring relationships or disciple-making partnerships.

- Use the workbook as a guide for weekly one-on-one meetings.
- Move at a pace that fits your relationship, while still covering all F.L.I.P. principles.

Phase 3: Commitment & Manual Connection

The Bottom Line:

No matter which approach you choose, discipleFLIP works best when paired with intentional prayer, relational investment, and a commitment to multiplication. The process is flexible, but the mission is fixed—helping people follow Jesus in a way that leads to lifelong transformation and disciple-making multiplication.

Invest in a Commitment Sunday

- Invite people to make a tangible commitment to the discipleFLIP lifestyle.
- Offer printed Commitment Cards:
 - Name, contact info
 - "I'm willing to be discipled" / "I'm willing to disciple someone"
 - Areas of spiritual growth or life stage
- Collect and manually sort by staff or FLIP Champion Team.

Assist Manual Matching

- Leaders prayerfully and strategically pair individuals for discipleship relationships.
- Send personal invitations for one-on-one or micro-group meetups.
- Use pen-and-paper signups, not apps or automation.

Phase 4: Support & Encouragement (Ongoing)

Broadcast Email Encouragement (Weekly or Biweekly)

- Share short devotional thoughts based on F.L.I.P. themes.
- Include:
 - Success stories
 - Tips on listening, investing time, or how to persist
 - Reminders about the importance of personal connection
- Provide downloadable tools and templates.

Optional Quarterly Gatherings

- In-person “FLIP’d Nights” for all active participants.
- Share updates, testimonies, teaching, and prayer.
- Use these to reignite vision and onboard new members manually.

Phase 5: Multiply & Sustain

Train the Next Wave

- As disciples mature, challenge them to step into new disciple-making roles.
- Highlight stories in worship services or newsletters.

Update the Church Dashboard (Manually)

- Keep a confidential log of active connections (manually maintained).
- The FLIP Team prays weekly over connections and reaches out if gaps or needs arise.

Periodic Sermon Touchpoints

- Once per quarter, include a discipleFLIP reminder in a sermon or announcement.
- Offer another commitment moment or story to keep the momentum alive.

Key Take Aways

- Manual first, digital second. Technology serves the vision; it doesn’t drive it.
- No app needed to be obedient. Obedience to the Great Commission doesn’t require software.
- Community is built one relationship at a time. discipleFLIP empowers everyday believers to take responsibility for spiritual multiplication.