



## Leadership Pipeline: Level 1

### **Purpose**

The purpose of Leadership Pipeline Level 1 is to equip leaders who are: **Maturing** in their Christian faith; **Servant Leaders** in their local church, community and family; **Forming** more disciples and disciple makers and **Experiencing Awe and Intimacy** in their prayer life.

### **Leadership Pipeline Level 1 – Goals Overview**

Leadership Pipeline 1 is a semester-length course of study that achieves its stated purpose by:

- Teaching an accurate and effective method of interpreting and applying the Biblical text, using the book of Colossians thus maturing in their Christian faith.
- Providing participants with skills necessary to develop a Biblical worldview thru selected readings and podcasts, reflective questioning and discussion.
- Examining and developing what it means to lead a Gospel Centered Life so as to be more effective Christian leaders in the church, community and family.
- Equipping and providing opportunities to engage others (believers and non-believers) in gospel centered conversations as well as practice in leading a small group using the Discovery approach as discussed in class.
- Devoting time to journaling, meditation and prayer, discussing the importance of prayer, examining the letters of Luther and Augustine on how to pray and how their instruction can enhance one's prayer life; and developing confidence in leading small group corporate prayer.
- Examining and discussing Who is the Church; the Role of the Laity; and the Purpose of the Church

Leadership Pipeline 1 concludes with each participant presenting a 5-minute talk. The talk will focus on reflections based on their journaling and their experiences during the semester.

### **Leadership Pipeline Level 1 – Meetings/Assignment Overview**

Participants will receive a weekly assignment. Assignments will vary from week to week with the main emphasis on studying the Book of Colossians using the expository method. Additional assignments will focus on readings and/or podcasts on Biblical World View topics and reading assignments from a variety of selected books. Each assignment will be completed and submitted electronically prior to each meeting. Each assignment will be reviewed by a Pipeline Mentor and comments will be given to the participant. Expect to spend approximately 5 hours per week in preparation. All reading materials will be provided to the participants. Note: Typically there will be a weekly assignment from the book of Colossians accompanied by one other assignment that will vary from week to week.

**Weekly meetings will be held on Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 10:00am.** During this time, participants will engage in a discussion of the previous week's assignment. Time will also be dedicated to journaling/meditation and small group prayer. In addition there will be a session devoted to a Neighborhood Prayer Walk.

**The first meeting is scheduled for (August 28th) and continue thru Dec 11th. (14 sessions)**

### **Leadership Pipeline Level 1 - Content Overview**

#### **Experiencing Awe and Intimacy in our prayer life.**

Participants will study selected readings from Tim Keller's book on Prayer that covers a variety of topics dealing with prayer. There will be follow up discussions on Saturday morning over the previous weeks reading assignment. Reading assignments will provide participants with and in depth examination of the Lord's Prayer and why it is the model that Jesus used as to how one should pray. Participants will also be exposed to the ACTS method of praying, as well as Augustine's and Martin Luther's models for meditation and prayer. Time will be provided each Saturday morning for Journaling/Meditating and small group corporate prayer.

**Introduction to the Expository method of Bible Study.** This portion of the course will focus on the use of the Expository method of interpreting Biblical text. For the purposes of Leadership Pipeline 1, the selected text will be the book of Colossians. Each weekly assignment will require participants to read and study and pray over 3 to 12 selected verses from Colossians. Each set of selected verses will be accompanied with a series of questions requiring a written response. Written responses will be electronically submitted each week to a selected mentor. The selected verses will then be discussed during the Saturday morning meetings. Over the course of the semester the entire book of Colossians will be studied. The goal for participants is to become adept at the use of the Expository method of interpretation so that it becomes a natural, essential and lifetime tool for uncovering the beautiful truths of God's Word.

#### **Building a Biblical World View**

In addition to interpreting and applying the biblical text, there will be assignments on building a Biblical World View and addressing world view questions from a Biblical World View perspective.

**Building a Biblical World View** - Through a series of articles, video clips and discussions, participants will:

- Learn the 4 questions that shape one's world view and how they are answered from a Biblical world view perspective vs. a world view perspective.
- Learn why Christian answers are most satisfying in answering the 4 questions

- Gain skill in answering questions typically posed by Christian skeptics and non-believers
- Discuss selected non-Biblical world view issues in our culture today and the destruction they are causing.

**Defining and Examining what it means to Lead a Gospel Centered Life.** Participants will go thru a study entitled The Gospel-Centered Life consisting of several short lessons. An emphasis will be placed on the Gospel “Cross Chart” and a comprehensive look at what is the Gospel and how, thru sin, we minimize the Gospel in our lives. Participants will gain insights on how the Gospel shapes every aspect of our life and at the center of the Gospel is Jesus.

**Leadership and Discipling Opportunities will be provided.** Participants will learn how to lead and practice leading a small group prayer circle, a small group Bible discussion using the Discovery method and how to navigate effective spiritual conversations using techniques from the book God Space. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in Neighborhood Prayer walks with a partner in the neighboring community. In addition, leadership opportunities will be discussed both in and outside of the JBF church environment that participants can choose to participate in upon completion of Leadership Pipeline Level 1.

**The Role and Purpose of the Church.** Participants will examine and discuss what scripture says about the Church. What is the Church? What is the role of the Laity and the Clergy and how are they to work together? What does the Bible have to say about what is expected of the Body of Christ? What is the Purpose of the Church?