

## DISCIPLE-MAKING

### SESSION 3: THE PATHWAY



#### IN THIS SESSION

The Bible often explains spiritual growth by using natural, organic examples. In this Session we will talk about spiritual growth and maturity and the importance of Disciple-making in that process.



#### KEY PASSAGES

- **Colossians 1:28-29** <sup>28</sup> We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.
- **Philippians 3:17** <sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.
- **1 Thessalonians 1:6-7** <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.



#### DISCUSS

- In your own experience, describe the ways you have seen churches define “discipleship” and how they pursued engaging in it. What are some common characteristics of each? What are some differences? List some benefits and downfalls to these approaches.
- Based on what you understand of the Pathway, what makes this model so different from what you’ve previously experienced? How do you think the process and the outcome of discipleship would change if the church embraced this model?
- Take a few minutes and prayerfully self-identify your present place of spiritual maturity on the Pathway (i.e. are you an Infant, Child, Young Adult or Parent?). Discuss some of the reasons that went into your self-assessment with your discipler or with others in your group.
- With your discipler or in your group, sketch the Pathway yourself with the goal of becoming more familiar with how you would go about explaining it to another person.



#### PRAY

- There is an incredibly powerful idea in seeing the Discipleship Cycle take place in larger spaces like Life Groups and campuses. Much of this is found in the fact that you play a part at every level. Begin to pray that God would excite the vision of multiplication and spiritual growth in your own heart and provide tangible opportunities for you to engage in it.