

The Sanctuary Discipleship Process

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.” Isaiah 61:3

100 Level: ESTABLISHING

Theme Image:



The Acorn

Theme Passage:

⁴One day Jesus told this story to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: ⁵“A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds came and ate it. ⁶Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns that shot up and choked out the tender blades. ⁸Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop one hundred times as much as had been planted.” When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand!”...¹¹“This is the meaning of the story: The seed is God’s message. ¹²The seed that fell on the hard path represents those who hear the message, but then the Devil comes and steals it away and prevents them from believing and being saved. ¹³The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in such soil, their roots don’t go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow. ¹⁴The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. ¹⁵But the good soil represents honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s message, cling to it, and steadily produce a huge harvest. Luke 8:4-8, 11-14

The Process:

100 – The Alpha Course

101 – New Beginnings Study

- 9 week ongoing/rotating
- Small group format
- Sundays: before & after worship

151 – Home Church Involvement

191 – ‘Discovering Your Sanctuary’ Seminar

- Membership / Vision seminar communicating our Statements, Strategy and Structure.
- Offered monthly

200 Level: MENTORING

Theme Image: **The Sapling**

Theme Passage:

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. But they delight in doing everything the LORD wants: day and night they think about his law. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

The Process:

201 - 1:4 Mentorship (13 weeks)

- Keys to a Healthy Quiet Time – 4 sessions
- Discovering your S.H.A.P.E. for Ministry – 5 sessions
- Learning to Share my Faith – 4 sessions

221 - Ongoing Mentoring/Growth Seminars:

- Parenting
- Marriage
- Finances
- Other

251 - New Community Celebrations

- Multiplying Congregations meeting quarterly on Saturday evenings
- Location on a rotational basis.
- Worship emphasis / creative arts
- Communion
- Testimony of a life transformed
- Vision casting – looking ahead – focus on God's promises for The Sanctuary.

***300 Level: MOBILIZING**

Theme Image: *The Oak Tree*

Theme Passage:

¹⁰“The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. ¹²You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands! ¹³Where once there were thorns, cypress trees will grow. Where briars grew, myrtles will sprout up. This miracle will bring great honor to the LORD'S name; it will be an everlasting sign of his power and love. Isaiah 55:10-13

The Process:

301 *Specific Ministry Training:*

- Discipleship Process & Home Churches
- Worship
- Outreach & Assimilation
- Children's Ministry/Youth Ministry
- Finance Ministry
- Prayer

351 *On-Going Training/Support:*

Continuing training & equipping of ministry leaders.

371 *Lay-Pastor Team*

- Complete the Spiritual Leadership Study
- Complete the Spiritual Leadership Assessment
- Serve on a mentoring team giving leadership to the ministries of The Sanctuary.

****400 Level: MULTIPLYING**

Theme Image: *The Forest*

Theme Passage:

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61:1-3

The Process:

401 Pastoral Development Courses

451 Church Planting Team Development / Incubator

* 300 level courses are offered through cooperation of all Sanctuary church plants.

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