

Discipleship Vision & Assessment 90-Minute Team Meeting

Flourishing Discipleship

Overall Goal

Give staff a vision of holistic, flourishing discipleship growth, and help them begin to assess their own growth.

Need

Staff tend to be blind to their own assumptions about growth, and lack intentionality in their own approach to growing. This limits their growth as disciples, and thereby also limits their skill and effectiveness in investing in student discipleship growth.

How This Invests in Staff Discipleship: In Christ, Like Christ, With Christ

This is an "all three" experience, as it helps staff perceive and assess all three dimensions.

How This Can Be Approached as a Discipleship Cycle

Entry point: Hear, Respond or Debrief? Enter through experience initially, and then debrief to prepare for a Word. End with planning to respond to the Word."

Time	Content	Notes	Materials
15 min	Fruit Feast Experience	Bring some impressively ripe fruit for the group to eat together. Invite the group to describe the experience while they eat.	Fruit
5 min	Debrief	What does ripe fruit represent to you?	
5 min	Interpret	<p>Fruit in Scripture: image of completion, new creation. Imagine your chapter fully ripe – what would that look like? Ripe fruit is ultimate expression of the plant, and also its replication.</p> <p>Point: for your own replication and fruitfulness, you must become ripe fruit yourselves. Your own discipleship growth is one source of your students' growth</p>	
30 min	Word: John 15 reflection	<p>Contemplative reading of John 15.</p> <p>First time through: what most strikes you.</p> <p>Second time: listening as a branch, what questions is Jesus asking you? Share in group.</p>	John 15:1-11 manuscript to write down questions
5 min	Present D Vision	Present D Vision focused on three dimensions of In, Like, and With. From John 15: Abiding, Pruning, Fruit-bearing.	
10 min	Reflection: Flourishing and languishing	Reflection sheet: Which area (In, Like, or With = Abiding, Pruning, Fruit-bearing) is most flourishing for you right now? Which is most in need of growth? Listening prayer exercise: what is Jesus' invitation for a next step?	Back of manuscript or a journal for recording reflections.
15 min	Sharing: next steps	Hear from team members their sense of invitation to next steps. Pray for one another.	
5 min	Vision for community and for student impact	Community: discipleship assessment is strengthened by the voice of community. Who will you ask to help assess your growth? Our own discipleship growth is intended to help others grow as well. How can you envision a version of this exercise for your students?	