

# The Discipleship Pathway

## How to use the Discipleship Pathway

We know that God called us to make disciples. But making a disciple isn't quite the same as making a pizza. There is no *just follow these basic instructions and the end result will always be a perfect product*. Because discipleship involves people, and people are different, what really works and reaches some students might not make any difference with others. But this doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

The **Discipleship Pathway** tool is a process that walks you step-by-step through a proven strategy for making disciples. You or one of your small group leaders will work through this tool for every student you are discipling. Your first steps will begin with building relationships.

### MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Who are you discipling? What do you know about them? Fill in as much information about the student as you can think of. The goal is to establish a deep enough relationship that you are aware of the student's feelings, fears, and faith.



### PERSONAL STORIES

As this relationship grows, you will begin to share personal stories about your faith journey. You will have to take the lead in this area. Most students won't share what's going on in their lives until they've heard about yours. Be open. Share about the victories *and* failures you've experienced following Jesus. Freely communicating your weaknesses provides a safe space for students to become vulnerable and transparent.



### INTENTIONAL QUESTIONS

To help students open up and share their stories of faith and doubt, we have to be intentional about the questions we ask. These questions seek more than a simple "right" and "wrong" answer but a personal one. *Who is Jesus?* is a very different question than *Who is Jesus to you?*



### APPLICATIONS

Knowledge without action will never lead to transformation. Because of this, application is the necessary next step. *What are we going to do with what we've learned?* As students think through different ways to apply what God has revealed to them, we must make sure their steps are specific and practical. Growth happens best when we make a plan to follow through with clear and measurable actions.



### ACCOUNTABILITY

The last step is accountability. After a student has decided how they will put God's truth into practice, we must check in with them to make sure they follow through. A brief discussion about how their application went, whether good or bad, will help them sharpen their walk with the Lord.



The **Discipleship Pathway** is a process you will work through with your students repeatedly. Each time you walk through this strategy, it will feel more and more natural to you and your small group leaders. It will become the method you use to show those you are discipling how to disciple others, ensuring your ministry is one that multiplies the Kingdom of God.

## THE LEADERTREKS DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



The **Discipleship Pathway** tool is included with your purchase of the Deep Discipleship System. It's easy-to-use!

- Download the file
- Print (11"x17" paper works best)
- Follow the steps to start growing disciples

