

Adult Discipleship Ministry Team Purpose and Mission

Purpose

The Adult Discipleship Ministry Team has been formed to provide leadership and direction for disciple-making ministries among adults at Saddlerock EPC (SEPC). The Adult Discipleship Ministry Team will provide guidance for already established ministries, such as Adult Education and group gatherings and will encourage new disciple-making activities at SEPC.

Goal

The goal of the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team is to support and promote the SEPC mission *"To intimately know and boldly follow Jesus"* (John 15:5).

Mission

The mission of the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team is to *make disciples that are being continually transformed by the Holy Spirit* (Matthew 4:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Vision

The Adult Discipleship Ministry Team vision is *a sustainable culture of discipleship* at SEPC. We understand that God's method of making of disciples is through men and women who trust in Jesus. Therefore, being aligned with the redemptive plan of Jesus to make disciples who in turn are equipped to go and make disciples, followers of Jesus will

- Mature in their relationship with Jesus (2 Peter 1:5-8; Ephesians 4:14-16; Philippians 2:1-8; 2 Peter 3:18);
- Spend time with Jesus, follow Jesus, and do what Jesus did through the power of the Holy Spirit, increasingly displaying the fruit of the Spirit (John 14:6; 15:1-11; Galatians 5:22-23);
- Mentor and encourage others to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus that manifests itself in love from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. (Ephesians 5:1, 2; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 1:5 2 Timothy 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18);
- Assist others in identifying and developing their spiritual gifts for service in and through the church (1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 2:20; Ephesians 4:16); *and*
- Love and serve our neighbors as ambassadors of reconciliation (Matthew 4:19; Luke 10:25-37; 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19)

Responsibilities

The Adult Discipleship Ministry Team will provide oversight of and encouragement to all adult discipleship ministries at SEPC. Below are the major areas the Adult Discipleship Ministry anticipate working through to achieve its mission and vision.

Adult Education

The authority and centrality of God's Word is critical to the life of the church (John 6:68; John 8:31, 32; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:25). Therefore, adult education is committed to the development (growth) of biblically rooted disciples within our church community (Romans 15:14) by

- Providing and encouraging educational opportunities through a variety of venues and times, such as, traditional Sunday classes, home studies, mid-week studies, and other opportunities when and where needed,

- Offering a variety of topics, such as, Bible study, Reformed doctrine, ministry training, mentoring, spiritual disciplines, basic Christianity, Christian living (life application), etc., and
- Encouraging and supporting group Bible studies that meet the mission and vision of SEPC.

Community Groups

Community is vital to SEPC. Since God created us as relational beings, our growth in Jesus must take place in the context of relationships. We understand community groups to be a microcosm of the church (Hebrews 10:24, 25). Therefore, community group gatherings will be encouraged to address the mission of SEPC by

- Intentionally making disciples,
- Supporting the ongoing spiritual transformation of disciples,
- Loving one another,
- Encouraging participation in ongoing training and support through SEPC, and
- Reaching out to our community through serving and proclaiming the gospel.

Mentoring

Mentoring is a powerful way to make and develop disciples in Jesus. Through mentoring a mature disciple comes alongside a younger disciple in Jesus to encourage them in their spiritual growth. Another role of a mentor is to love and encourage non-believers as they seek to understand the “good news” (gospel) and its importance to them. Therefore, the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team will

- Provide mentor training to equip and provide ongoing support for mentors (John 13:15-17)
- Promote mentoring relationships internal and external to the SEPC community

Events/Retreats

Special gatherings, like retreats or events, can have a great impact on the lives of individuals, young and old. Through these activities, the “good news” of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ can be proclaimed and shared. Events can provide a catalyst for maturing as a Christian and for inviting new or non-believers to experience the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives (John 1:46; 1 John 1:1-4; Romans 10:15). Therefore, the Adult Discipleship Ministry Team will

- Support and encourage retreats and special events at or external to SEPC that are aligned to the mission and vision of SEPC.
- Support and encourage individuals or groups to organize retreats on a variety of topics, for example, presenting the gospel, marriage, parenting, missions, etc.

Adult Discipleship Ministry Organization Chart

