

## Designed for Discipleship: The Purpose

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### #1 Disciple making connects us to God's bigger story.

#### CREATION

- *Genesis 1, In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...people in his own image...God saw all that He had made and it was very good.*
- God's original intent for us was to be in perfect relationship with Him and other people.

#### FALL

- *Ecclesiastes 1-2: Meaningless! Meaningless! Utterly Meaningless! Everything is meaningless...All things are wearisome. What is twisted can't be straightened. What is lacking is without measure...& so I hated life.*
- Sin broke the relationship between God and humans.

#### REDEMPTION

- *Colossians 1:13-14, For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
- God sent his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins to redeem us.

#### RESTORATION

- *Isaiah 65:17, "I will create new heavens & a new earth. The former things will not be remembered..."*
- There is hope for us in our future with God.

### #2 Disciple making is what we signed up for when we believed the gospel.

*1 Corinthians 15:2-4, 2 By this gospel you are saved...3 ...Christ died for our sins...4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the 3rd day. Mark 1:14-15, ...proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

- False gospels are popular because they're easier, but they don't work!

### #3 Disciple making is God's invitation to a more meaningful life!

*Matthew 4:19, And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

- Definition of a disciple: Someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus.

#### **#4 Disciple making helps us experience God more closely.**

*Matthew 28:18-20, 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Definition of disciple making: Entering into relationships to help people to trust and follow Jesus (which includes the whole process from conversion through maturation and multiplication).

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Do you want to learn how to make disciples? Text "disciple" to 951-425-4425 to RSVP for a discipleship training event on Sunday, 11/21/21 from 1pm-3pm (lunch will be provided).