

The Gospel Impact for Discipleship

To start this network, we will introduce the vision and learning objectives of our time together, as well as explain the significance of the learning community approach and its catalyzing effect in discipleship. Then the group will hear and discuss Christ's gospel as the living water and bread of life that forms and fuels discipleship. The group will also have time to get to know one another through sharing discipleship experiences and challenges.

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Looking ahead requires looking back – building up disciples on the gospel of grace

1. Introduction to the Network
 - a. Network vision
 - b. Network goals
 - c. Network logistics & announcements
 - d. The network itself is one another – introducing ourselves
2. Acts 3 – The Extraordinary Power of the Gospel in the Every Day
 - a. Acts 2 provides the context for this passage. What makes this typical day seem special in the light of what's going on in Acts chapter two?
 - b. v. 1-4 going to pray with open eyes
 - c. v. 5 expectations pay a huge role
 - i. theirs
 - ii. ours

iii. God's

d. v. 6 giving out of what we have, and being honest about what we don't

e. v. 8 leaping with praise

f. v. 11-12 WHY do you wonder, as if by men

3. Small Group Discussion Questions

i. Where are we walking in our daily grind with expectations and eyes closed to what extraordinary opportunities may be for us and others?

ii. In what area are we doubting what we've been given? Where are we trying to give instead out of what we can provide ourselves?

iii. What does it look like to leap for joy at God's provision in our cultural contexts?