

MEBC Vision

Introduction

Every local church is unique. A church in East Manhattan will look very different from a church in the suburbs of Atlanta. All churches are called to make disciples. But much depends on their location, the dynamics of their city or community, the skills and gifts of their members, and the particular passions and vision of their leaders. Each church must examine these issues before they articulate *their* particular vision for *their* context. They must discover what God is doing and then join Him in His work.

So what is the vision of Metro East? What kind of church are we? What are we seeking to accomplish? What is the unique vision that God has given to us? Why do we think that is the case? Furthermore, how do we intend to carry out this mission? How do we *do* it? This is something that we, the leaders of Metro East, have wrestled with over the past few years. The hope is that this booklet will answer the what, why, and how of Metro East. What are we doing? Why are we doing it? How are we doing it?

Please read through this carefully and prayerfully. Look up the Scripture references. Ask God to stir your affections for the particular vision that He has given us. Pray that He will move and work among us for the good of our church, the blessing of our community, and the glory of His Name.

Part 1: What Is Our Vision?

Metro East exists to make disciples, through the Gospel, for the glory of God...

Make Disciples . . .

Jesus commissioned the church to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20). The book of Acts is the history of how the early church accomplished this. The apostles and leaders moved throughout the Roman Empire announcing that Jesus Christ had died and rose again. They called people to renounce their idols, repent of their sins, and place their faith in this Risen and Reigning Savior. Thousands responded to this message and were baptized. From there these new disciples (they weren’t called Christians until Acts 11:28) began to meet together weekly for teaching, the Lord’s Supper, prayer, fellowship, and worship (Acts 2:42-47). These gatherings were referred to as churches.

So in short, a *disciple is one who has come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, through faith and repentance, received baptism, and is now seeking to follow and obey Jesus in all of life.*

Furthermore, a disciple is one who is seeking to make other disciples. Jesus’ commission to the church implies that when someone becomes a disciple, they will seek to obey this command to make disciples!

Our hope is to see discipleship happen constantly at Metro East. We want to see people move from darkness to light (Col. 1:13-14) by coming under the Lordship of Jesus, receive baptism, and learn to follow Jesus and make much of Him in all things. C.S. Lewis said, “The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose.”

Through The Gospel . . .

We talk about the Gospel a lot at Metro East. We want to be a church that is centered around the Gospel. We want all that we do to be driven by the Gospel. The Gospel is of first importance (1 Cor. 15:1-4). The Gospel is not, as Tim Keller reminds us, the ABC’s of the Christian life. The Gospel is the A to Z of the Christian life. We never outgrow or wean ourselves off of the Gospel.

So what is the Gospel ? The word Gospel means *good news*. The Gospel is *the good news that Jesus Christ lived sinlessly in our place, died shamefully in our place, rose victoriously in our place, is returning to renew all things, and by faith in Him, we can be reconciled to God, completely righteous in His sight, and enjoy Him forever* (See: Rom. 1:15-17, 3:21-26, 4:24-25; 2 Cor. 5:21; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-14). The Gospel message stands at the center of the redemptive plan of God. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is consistently driving us toward the Gospel. The Old Testament longs for and promises the Greater Moses, the True Temple, and the Ultimate King. The New Testament shows how God kept these promises by sending His Son to save the world (John 3:16-17).

We want to announce this message, teach this message, counsel with this message, and live out the ethical demands of this message. It stands at the center of all we do. We believe that by lifting up the Gospel, in as many ways as possible, we can best edify the church, evangelize the world, and exalt our Great God. We will revisit this theme of Gospel-centeredness when we discuss worship, community, and mission.

To The Glory of God . . .

Paul urged the Corinthian church to seek the glory of God in all things (1 Cor. 10:31). To glorify something means to make much of it. All of us yearn and long to do this. We were created for glory. Just look at how we respond to movies, music, sports, vacations, etc. We spend thousands of hours and millions of dollars to see glorious things unfold before our eyes. We love glory.

The Bible says God made us for His glory (Isaiah 43:7). As a church, all that we do should promote and make much of the glory of God (1 Peter 4:10-11). Our hope is to be a church where exalting and adorning God’s Name is our highest priority.

Part 2: How Do We Accomplish Our Vision?

Metro East exists to...*make disciples, through the Gospel, for the glory of God...*

*We pursue this vision by engaging in **worship, community, and mission.***

Part 1 of this booklet intended to answer the *what* question. We sought to give you a big picture view of the church from 30,000 feet. Now we want to answer the *how* question. How do we intend to accomplish the vision from part 1 of *Making disciples through the Gospel for the glory of God?* We believe there are three areas we should zoom in on in order for us to accomplish this: worship, community, mission. Of course these three areas have much overlap and connectivity, but we do want to explain each one individually for the sake of clarity. Our hope is to be as practical as possible here. Under each heading we have included a section to best inform and equip you in these areas (Titled: “Ways to…”).

Worship

The word worship likely brings different images and ideas to each of our minds. The word comes from the Old English word *weorthscipe* (worthship). Worship means to ascribe worth to something. True biblical worship means to ascribe the highest worth to God. We are to ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name (Psalm 29:2). This happens at both the *corporate* and *individual* levels.

1. Corporate Worship

The Book of Psalms is filled with ways worship is expressed. God’s people are called to sing to Him, extol Him, adore Him, play instruments for Him, confess to Him, kneel before Him, obey Him, remember His acts of redemption, glory in His creation, hear His Word, offer sacrifices, pray to Him, complain before Him, cry out to Him, and be silent before Him (See: Psalm 16, 19, 24, 32, 51, 56, 84, 95, 103, 119, 150). Worship takes place when individual believers gather together and express worth and honor to God through these, and many other ways.

At Metro East, we gather each Lord’s Day morning to engage in corporate worship. We pray, we sing, we announce upcoming events and important information, we pray, we confess to God, we give our financial tithes and offerings, we preach from the Scriptures, we baptize, and we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. As stated in part 1, we make the Gospel central to all we do in worship. We sing songs that explain and celebrate the Gospel, we preach the Gospel, we show the Gospel in Lord’s Supper and Baptism, and we extend the Gospel to non-Christians.

Ways to engage in corporate worship...

- Prepare for worship on Saturday
- Be faithful to attend the services
- Be on time for the service
- Listen carefully to the announcements
- Read the bulletin
- Pray before and during the worship time
- Sing with sincerity and enthusiasm

- Give financially during the offering
- Fight against distractions
- Take notes during the sermon
- Really celebrate with those receiving baptism
- Take Lord's Supper seriously
- Ask God to move among us during our time
- Enjoy God
- See worship as a feast!

For Parents

One way to prepare your family for corporate worship on Sunday mornings is to start on Saturday night. Each Friday you should be receiving the weekly Vision e-Newsletter. Contained in that email are a few things that can assist you. First of all, read through the passage from the Bible that will be used on Sunday. Ask your family a few questions to get them thinking about the main idea from that text. Prepare your family by unpacking and defining any big words that don't seem to make sense. Ask a few guiding questions to help them deal with what the author is saying. Secondly, work on the weekly Fighter Verse that we recite in service each week as a family. Third, use one of the songs we'll be singing on Sunday and sing it as a family before dinner. There are many ways for you to prepare your family for corporate worship; we simply want to equip you and prime your mind to think about and look for ways to do so with your family.

2. Individual Worship

In Romans 12 Paul wrote, "*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship*" (Rom. 12:1). Here Paul, while certainly addressing the whole church in Rome, focused on the individual aspect of worship. Further evidence of this is found in the rest of Romans 12 where he lays out the ethical commands for the church. So while worship is *corporate*, it is also *individual*. Our whole life (bodies) should be an act of ascribing worth and glory to God.

Disciples worship. They place all their time, money, resources, talent, thoughts, affections, attitudes, hobbies, vacations, web browsing, spending, talking, decisions, and actions under the Lordship and authority of Christ. They resist ultimately trusting in, hoping in, and leaning on, any idea, person, or experience outside of Jesus Christ and His Word. In fact, corporate worship is enriched when individual believers, who have been worshipping all week, gather together to give to the Lord the glory due His Name.

Ways to engage in personal worship...

- Rehearse Gospel promises (See: *The Gospel vs. Religion* at treasuregod.org)
- Preach the Gospel to yourself
- Develop a devotional life
- Fight against, confess, and resist all known sin
- Hate what is evil
- Use your vocation for God's glory
- Use your time well

- Uncover and uproot all idols
- Memorize Fighter Verses
- Guard your heart
- Let Christ be Lord of your financial and material resources

For Parents

Parents, there are a number of ways for you to teach, train, and equip your children in their personal walk with Jesus. Some of them don't take much time at all. Others will require a slightly greater investment. It's important to never stop starting. If you haven't done devotions or prayed with your kids in a while, go ahead and start again now. There are a lot of great resources out there for you to use. Many times, however, it's as easy as just reading through a passage for Scripture with them before bed and discussing a few things woven into it. [Desiring God has a Baptist Catechism](#), which is a great way to systematically walk through some weighty questions, each with accompanying Scripture passages to support the discussion. If you have an iPad, Redeemer has a fantastic Catechism called [New City Catechism](#) for you to use, full of videos, commentary, and interactive ways to guide your family into individual worship.

Suggested resources for worship...

Worship Matters by Bob Kauflin

Counterfeit Gods by Tim Keller

Hole In Our Holiness by Kevin DeYoung

Desiring God by John Piper

A Praying Life by Paul Miller

Idols of the Heart and Vanity Fair (free PDF) by David Powlison

Songs For The Christ-Centered Life by Sovereign Grace Music

Community

Christianity is a corporate matter. Believers belong to and need each other. In order for discipleship to take place, we must have meaningful and authentic relationships with each other. The pages of the New Testament are filled with "one another" commands (See: Eph. 4:17-32). Jesus Christ came to save a *people* for Himself (Titus 2:14).

Believers need to be among each other to confess sin, hold each other accountable, bear each other's burdens, rejoice and weep with each other, and find encouragement and strength to continue in the Christian life. Most of all, believers need to be together in order to remind each other of the Gospel and its implications for all of life.

Ways to engage in community...

- Attend worship faithfully and regularly

- Open your home to each other
- Encourage others
- Use technology (Facebook, Twitter, Email, etc) to connect with other believers
- Become a member of Metro East
- Pursue meaningful and fruitful friendships
- Pray with other Christians
- Attend church fellowships (See: 2013 Events)
- Serve on ministry teams
- Serve in pre-school, youth, and children's area
- Join a small group (See: Appendix A)

For Parents...

Helping your children grow in their understanding of community is vital for them to have a healthy view of the church. One of the best ways to help them connect to this idea is to be involved in a small group yourself. Be sure to have your kids in a group, too. Talk about what being in a small group has meant to you. Give them examples of how people have helped you or served your family because you were involved in a small group community.

Small Groups

Small groups help create community. We are a church **OF** small groups not simply a church **WITH** small groups. There's a difference. Some churches, in an effort to create multiple opportunities for involvement and ministry, often list small groups as one option among many other activities. Unfortunately the result is lots of busyness with little spiritual fruit. We want to elevate the priority of our small groups by being a church **OF** small groups. That means that all we do in community centers on and around our small group ministry. This creates the most opportunities for prayer, service, accountability, friendship, counseling, and encouragement. Our dream is for 100% of our members to be in at least one type of small group. (See: Appendix B)

Suggested resources for community...

Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Instruments In The Redeemer's Hand by Paul Tripp

Practicing Affirmation by Sam Crabtree

What Is A Healthy Church Member by Thabiti Anyabwile

Mission

God is a missionary. From Creation, God has been extending His arm toward a lost and exiled humanity. We see this with the call of Abram (Gen. 12), the election of Israel (Ex. 19), the sending of Jesus (John 1:1-14, 3:16), and the establishment of the church (Matt. 28:19-20, Acts 1:8). God is always on mission to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). Just as the Father sent the Son, now the Son sends us into the world to proclaim His Gospel to non-believers (John 20:21; Luke 24:46-49).

Our hope is to encourage and equip our people to better love, serve, engage, and dialogue with non-Christians. We are a sent people. We have *the* message of reconciliation and redemption. We believe that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and what He accomplished through His death and resurrection. Our task is to announce this message to as many people as possible. Disciples are always on mission!

Ways to engage in mission...

- Start where you are (your neighborhood, sphere of influence, cul de sac, school, workplace)
- Pray fervently and specifically for non-Christians
- Seek friendship with non-Christians
- Open your home to non-Christians
- Take a non-Christian to lunch after church
- Research the needs of the community
- Give to mission's offerings (Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Viola Webb)
- Read a book with a non-Christian
- Invite a non-Christian to a church service or small group
- Seek training in evangelism (See: Focus Nights 2013)
- Host a Block Party (See: 2013 Events)
- Take a short term mission trip (See: 2013 Events)
- Ask God to give you a heart for non-Christians
- Be courageous
- Be open to what God might have you do

For Parents...

Imparting to your children a heart for non-Christians is a wonderful privilege of parenting. There are two levels this can take place. First, is the informational level. Help them see from Scripture God's love and desire to save all people. Emphasize often why Jesus came, why He died, and why He rose again. Constantly point them outward to a world that needs to hear about Jesus and what He's done. Second, is the practical level. Include them in service projects or mission trips. When you pray with them, be sure and pray for non-Christian friends. Encourage them to invite their unchurched friends to an event or a church service. Allow them to come alongside you as you serve, pray for, and interact with non-Christians.

Suggested resources for mission...

A Meal With Jesus by Tim Chester

Tactics by Gregory Koukl

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis

The Reason For God by Tim Keller

Part 3: Why Is This Our Vision?

This section seeks to answer the *why* of our vision. What drives us to focus on the vision from parts 1 and 2? As we examine the Scriptures, we believe there are nine values that should mark and define us as a church. Visit treasuregod.org for a fuller description of each value.

1. The Gospel

The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ lived sinlessly in our place, died shamefully in our place, rose victoriously in our place, is returning to renew all things, and by faith in Him we can be reconciled to God, completely righteous in His sight, and enjoy Him forever.

2. Expository Preaching

An expository sermon takes the main point of a passage of Scripture, makes it the main point of the sermon, and applies it to life today.

3. Biblical Theology

Biblical theology is sound doctrine; it is right thoughts about God; it is belief that accords with Scripture.

4. Conversion

A biblical understanding of conversion recognizes that only God can save, and that he saves individuals by enabling them to respond to the gospel message through repenting of sin and trusting in Christ.

5. Evangelism

Evangelism is simply telling non-Christians the good news about what Jesus Christ has done to save sinners.

6. Membership

According to the Bible, church membership is a commitment every Christian should make to attend, love, serve, and submit to a local church. Biblical church membership is important because the church represents God's witness to himself in the world. It displays His glory. In the church's membership, then, non-Christians should see in the lives of God's changed people that God is holy and gracious and that His gospel is powerful for saving and transforming sinners.

7. Church Discipline

In the broadest sense, church discipline is everything the church does to help its members pursue holiness and fight sin. Preaching, teaching, prayer, corporate worship, accountability relationships, and godly oversight by pastors and elders are all forms of discipline.

In a narrower sense, church discipline is the act of correcting sin in the life of the body, including the possible final step of excluding a professing Christian from membership in the church and participation in the Lord's Supper because of serious unrepentant sin

8. Discipleship

Scripture teaches that a live Christian is a growing Christian (2 Pet. 1:8-10). Scripture also teaches that we grow not only by instruction, but by imitation (1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1). Therefore churches should exhort their members to both grow in holiness and help others do the same.

9. Leadership

While we believe that the church itself is the final court of appeal on matters of discipline, membership, and doctrine (Matt. 18:15-20; 1Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:5-11; Gal. 1:8-9); we also believe the church should elect and trust qualified leaders. The Bible teaches that each local church should be led by a plurality of godly, qualified men called elders and deacons.

Resources

9 Marks of a Healthy Church by Mark Dever

What is a Healthy Church? by Mark Dever

What is the Mission of the Church? by Kevin DeYoung and Greg Gilbert

Church Membership by Jonathan Leeman

Part 4: 2013 Events

Focus Nights 2013

In 2013 we plan to use 5 Sunday evenings to focus on particular topics. Pastor Greg will lead these sessions. The intent is to get deeper into issues that require more time and dialogue. Each night will include 30-40 minutes of teaching followed by a Q & A session. We will announce these events well in advance. Here are the topics for 2013: *Introduction To The Old and New Testaments, Prayer, Apologetics and Evangelism, The Doctrine of the Church, The Doctrine of Christ.*

2013 Church-Wide Events

6 Block Parties

5 Member Meetings

5 Sunday Night Fellowships

Align

GroupLink

Men's Retreats (Spring and Fall)

Ladies Nights (four of these)

Game Nights at Local Sporting Events (Church-wide)

2013 Preschool Ministry Events

Family Game Nights

Park Playdays

Family Picnic

Baby Dedication (2 times)

Pumpkin Patch Trip

Trunk or Treat (with Children's Ministry)

2013 Children's Ministry Events

January – Dad and Son Laser Tag

February – Dad and Daughter Date Night

March – Family Game Night

April – Mom and Son Date Night

May – Mom and Daughter P.J. & Pizza Game and Movie Night

June 17-21 – Kanakuk Kamp Out

July – Summer Music Camp

August – Family Night at All Star Adventures

September – Family Game Night

October – Trunk or Treat

November – Family Mission Project

December – Family Caroling Party

Part 5: Financial Stewardship

Financial stewardship is a discipleship issue. Metro East cannot operate without the generosity of its members. For 2013, our unified budget will be \$1,040,000. Of the approximately 200 giving units (family or individuals) we could easily reach our budget goal if each giving unit gave \$5,200 for the year (that's \$433.33 per month per giving unit).

We also have the task before us of eliminating our congregational indebtedness of approximately \$1,700,000. This debt is the remaining portion of what we owe on our facilities and property. Our goal is to completely eliminate this debt within a 5 year period. If we could average an extra \$1,000 per giving unit (over and above tithes and offerings) each year, for the next 5 years, we would be able to see this debt eliminated. **We will emphasize these offerings during the months with five Sundays.**

Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). May the Gospel be our motivation to be generous with our resources.

Part 6: What If . . . ?

In our own power, we are helpless to bring about the vision we've set forth in these pages. Regardless of our budget, talents, ideas, and programs, only God can truly bring about the transformation, growth, and renewal that we all long for. We can only set the sails in hopes that God would send the wind of His blessing and grace upon us.

But yet we still have a role to play. We must pray and preach and work and serve. So what if we gave ourselves wholly to this vision? What if we devoted ourselves to Gospel-centered worship,

community, and mission? What if we begged God to bring renewal and growth and blessing to our church and all the churches of Wichita? What if we labored, with all of our grace-driven might, to see as many people as possible come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Imagine seeing the baptismal waters filled, marriages healed, addictions broken, idolatry shattered, suffering joyfully endured, and the Gospel advancing throughout our community.

Oh that we might be the church that our city needs and longs for!

Appendix A: Small Group Options

We have four types of small groups. They are...

Sunday School

Sunday School is our on-campus Sunday morning, on-going discipleship small group option for all ages. We divide adults by stage not age. That means that we want you to find a group that you share your common life-stage with. Parents would join a class where most of the people there are in the life-stage of raising their kids. Seniors would join a class where the kids are out of the house and most are retired. Yes, we've got a class for almost every stage of life! Most of our classes study one curriculum, *The Gospel Project*. This Gospel-centered curriculum helps us to focus on what Christ has done for us and how that changes our lives. We have two options on class times on Sunday mornings. You can choose our Family option for Sunday School and that's at 9:15 am. This is the time slot that most parents would choose because their kids will be in Sunday School the same time they are. Or, you can choose the 10:45 am session - this option is for those who either don't have kids or their kids are grown and gone.

We strongly encourage all members and guests to try one of our great Sunday School classes. You'll find a place to belong and to grow in your faith as well as people who will love you and help you be all God wants you to be. Call 733-5088 and ask for Billy to sign up or go to our website or just drop in on Sunday mornings! Our Host Team can help you find your place.

Gospel Communities

We want to accomplish three things with Gospel Communities (our weekly small groups)... We want to be Gospel-Centered, Friendship-Oriented, and Mission-Focused. Metro East strongly believes that getting our small groups out of our building and into our neighborhoods will help us to be outwardly focused and offer a friendly option to those who aren't yet ready to attend one of our on-campus groups. Gospel Communities aren't based on stage or age but on geography. In other words, our Gospel Communities are centered around our members' homes instead of what we've got in common with our life-stages. We keep these groups small for a reason: we want them to foster friendships and authenticity (which 'small' helps us do). A typical group will be from 8-12 in size and will not get larger than that. This option is another way for us to open the door for people to find a group that works for them.

Our pastoral staff will be providing curriculum/discussion guides for our small groups in 2013. These groups have a definite start and stop time. We have Fall Groups that start in September and

Spring Groups that start in February. They go for three months and give members the Summer off. We also encourage members to stay together for at least a year. We want you in a group! Call 733-5088 and ask to speak to Billy or go to our website to learn more about a group near you.

Gospel Clubs

Metro East is a growing church in more ways than one! We've recognized that as we grow larger we've got to grow smaller. Because of this, we've started Gospel Clubs. Gospel Clubs are comprised of three people (all three must be the same gender) who meet at least two times a month (some meet more) for one hour to do three things. Those three things are: to know our sin, to fight our sin and to trust our Savior. We try to keep these groups organic which simply means that we don't try to offer a lot of organizational structure for these groups. Our purpose is to provide a platform for very small groups of people to go deep in their faith and deal with things that could never be dealt with in a Sunday School class or Gospel Community.

Gospel Clubs are ongoing. We can help get them started or you can start one yourself. You need two other people and you need to get into the Bible as your curriculum. The point of Gospel Clubs is to get intense in our discipleship and we believe that can best be done in a group of three. We want you in a group! Call 733-5088 and ask to speak to Billy or go to our website to learn more about a group near you.

Gender-Specific Groups

Gender-Specific small groups are our fourth option. These are men's or women's Bible studies that normally are seasonal in nature (Winter/Spring and Fall). We believe that these groups can help deepen discipleship and foster fellowship within the body at Metro East. We'd love to see you get into one of these groups! Call 733-5088 and speak to Billy or go to our website to learn about these special small groups.

Appendix B: Family Ministry

When God gives instruction in Deuteronomy 6 to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength," He turns to parents and tells them that they are to impress this upon their children. This is a beautiful and challenging call to parents to teach their kids about the goodness of God and the joy of treasuring Christ above everything else as they follow Him. At Metro East, we are striving to be a Family-Equipping church. As such we see the aim of our family ministry being: "*Serving families by equipping parents.*" That is why we exist.

As a staff, we want to help you, as parents, in this task, but we can never replace you, nor do we want to. We simply want to echo and reiterate to your child, regardless of age, what you want them to know and what you are hopefully already communicating to them, namely that God is the most glorious and most satisfying being in the Universe. Because we see our ministries as a support to you and the monumental task you have, we want you, and expect you, to be involved in the various stages of family ministry offered at Metro East.

A Few Clarifications:

We do not see ourselves as competing against parents. We are not replacing parents or removing their biblical responsibilities. We are not assuming parents are not already engaging their children in discipleship. We are also not saying that we have all of the answers. We do not want parents to see our family ministries as a drop-off service where the “professionals” will teach, train, and equip their children. We are not a Family-Replacing Ministry, but a Family-Equipping Ministry.

We are saying parents are the primary disciplers of their children. We see the home as the primary arena of discipleship, but not the sole arena of discipleship. The family is the primary means of discipleship. We value age-organized ministries, which further equip and reinforce biblical truths to children under the discipleship and leadership of other teachers. Our desire is simply to come alongside parents as they disciple their children and equip them in the daily battle of discipleship. We also know that many parents struggle to practically work this out in everyday life. Moreover, there are children and students whose parents are not believers, and as such, cannot actively disciple their children in the Gospel. We are not a Family-Integrated Ministry, but a Family-Equipping Ministry.