

The Life Challenge

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INVITATION

Last week we hosted a Town Hall at church, hearing from members of our church family as to what their felt needs are in terms of ongoing discipleship, and to understand some of the challenges and barriers that need to be overcome. This information will be used by our leadership as we think intentionally about shaping what discipleship looks like at South Abbotsford for the season ahead.

Please take notes about your conversation as you discuss the questions, and have your group leader (or yourself if you're using these as a personal study/devotional) email your responses to Kelly Ens (kens@southabbotsford.com).

DISCUSSION

In my journey of following Jesus, where am I now?

- I understand the basics of the new life King Jesus offers me and have begun to follow him, but I know very little about the Bible, God's story, or role moving forward.
- I am relatively new to following Jesus and still learning who Jesus is and how that matters in life. I have said yes to Jesus, but I'm unsure how this relationship progresses (i.e. listening to Him, obeying Him).
- I am following Jesus, but I am really needing further freedom in...
- I know Jesus and have an understanding that he has called us to be His hands and feet. I'm interested in multiplication but not sure what my gifts/capacities are for serving others?
- I am looking for a challenge, I want to grow and really deepen my discipleship.
- I feel ready to be a mentor, spiritual guide, small group leader for others, but am not sure how?
- Stagnant. I have believed for a long time, but am currently feeling very distant from God.
- Tired. I feel like I'm pouring out with little to no refueling.
- Other:

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What next steps do I desire that would deepen my obedience?

- I want to hear God in my everyday life
- I want character formation (i.e. perseverance, patience, self-control, discipline)
- I want skill formation (how to read/study the Bible, how to mentor other, how to offer spiritual direction, lead a small group)
- I want strategic formation (core values, mission, vocation integration for purposeful living)
- I want more freedom from unhealthy patterns
- Other:

What barriers exist to me taking that step?

- Busyness
- Lack of training
- Lack of confidence
- Lack of desire
- Lack of support
- Other:

What would help you to take the next step?

- A discipleship class/experience to deepen my understanding and practice of what it means to follow
- A mentor
- Spiritual direction
- A small group
- Other: