



Northwestern Ohio Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NWOS

Where are we going as a synod? Congregations transforming into centers of discipleship

Challenge: What's the difference between a church member and disciple of Christ?

Matthew 28:18-20 - The Great Commission:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Where do you begin?

Year 1: Leadership Development, Bible Study, develop the same language through which to live and learn as a community; have crucial, hard conversations.

Read and study the Book of Acts – catch the Spirit of the first church

Read and study a book on being and making disciples. One suggestion: ***Building a Discipling Culture***, Mike Breen and the 3DM Team, 2011

- Model built on Jesus's rhythm of life and how he made disciples; takes seriously the Great Commission
- "If you make disciples, you always get the Church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples." Mike Breen

Year 2: Leaders begin mentoring new leaders/disciples making disciples; develop and begin short-term mission strategy

Year 3: Focus on second generation leaders and disciples; implement mission and begin developing a vision and strategy for the future

2018 Resources: Nehemiah Bible Study
Prayer by Richard Foster
Grounded in Prayer by Brent W. Dahlseng

2018: The Year of Purposeful Prayer

2019: The Year of Scripture

2020: The Year of a Compelling Mission and Vision