

YEARLY DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

Redemption Church exists to make authentic disciples of Jesus who live for the glory of God and the good of our world. Everything we do, from our Worship Gathering to small groups to student ministry, is about Christ! We believe that following Jesus is the single most important decision a person can make and that this commitment is not a one-time decision, but a lifelong process of walking faithfully with our King. However, the world around us seems to be doing its best to pull us away from Jesus everywhere we look. Whether it's the simple stresses of everyday life, major tragedies, relational strife, financial hardship, or the overwhelming amount of temptations to sin, choosing to follow Jesus is hard!

Because of this, we created the Yearly Discipleship Plan to help you in your walk with Jesus. At this time of year, many of us make New Year's Resolutions. We want to eat better, exercise more, follow a budget, read more, use technology less, or any number of things. But this is also a great time of year to pause and evaluate our relationship with Jesus and to identify changes that we need to make in this area as well. From the newest of Christians to the most mature, we all have room to grow in our walk with the Lord; none of us has "arrived"! And we hope that you will use this tool to prayerfully evaluate your discipleship over the past year and identify ways to grow in the coming year.

The questions for the Yearly Discipleship Plan are based on our church mission, vision, and membership commitments. If you're a member of Redemption Church, you should be familiar with these already. If you're not a member, you can learn more about our mission, vision, and membership commitments in our Membership Workbook. At the end of the Yearly Discipleship Plan, you will have an opportunity to sign up for our Membership Workshop where you will be given a workbook with lots of good information about Redemption Church as well as a Bible Study that walks you through what it looks like to be a faithful church member.

Before you begin, please remember the heart behind this tool. It isn't a box to check in your Christian life or meant to make you feel good or poorly about your faith. It exists for the same reason we exist as a church: to make authentic disciples of Jesus. So use it prayerfully, use it authentically, use it intentionally, and use it joyfully, as we seek to follow Jesus together!

MISSION

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Over the past year, what are some examples of ways you've lived as an authentic disciple of Jesus? Do you find it hard to be authentic with others? Why or why not?

VISION

We want to create a church where everyday people wake up to deep, meaningful life in Christ.

What challenges do you face personally that keep you from a deep, meaningful life in Christ? What are some practices you keep in order to cultivate this type of relationship with Christ? Are there any changes you need to make to better develop a deep, meaningful life in Christ?

BELIEVE

How has your understanding of salvation deepened this year? In what ways have you seen God's grace at work in your life?

What did you learn this year through the Sunday morning Worship Gathering? Have you found it hard to regularly attend worship?

BELONG

In what ways did living in community with other believers help you grow as a disciple of Jesus over the past year? What were some obstacles to living in community with other Christians? Are there any serious issues or unresolved conflicts with other church members or church leaders that you need to resolve?

In what areas do you serve at Redemption Church? Share a story of how serving helped connect you to our mission and/or vision. If you aren't currently serving, would you like to?

GROW

What are some specific examples of ways you've grown in your relationship with Jesus this past year? What were some of the factors that led to that growth? How did God's Word and God's Church specifically play a part in the growth?

Did you find it difficult to give financially to the mission of Redemption Church last year? Why or why not? If it was difficult, what changes can you make this year to begin (or resume) faithful giving to Redemption?

GO

Over the past year, how have you engaged our city and our world with intentionality that demonstrates a positive example for Christ and betters our city and world? What practices do you want to continue in the coming year? What new practices might you consider?

Why do you think it's so difficult for us to share the good news of the gospel with non-believers? Who are some people in your life who need God's salvation? What small step can you take with them in the coming year to point them to Jesus?

MEMBERSHIP

At Redemption Church we highly value local church membership. The reason for this is not so we can boast about our membership numbers or to identify those at our church who have “arrived” as fully formed Christians. It’s actually because none of us are as fully formed or healthy as we want to be and in membership we link arms together and strive for spiritual growth.

Therefore, it’s our desire that everyone who regularly attends Redemption will become a member, and we want to keep our commitments to grow fresh through our annual renewal process. We want our membership to be an intentional two-way street and this Yearly Discipleship Plan is a great time to renew membership commitments or to enter into the membership process. So, this last question is an opportunity for you to renew your commitment to membership at Redemption or tell us that you are interested in membership.

Are you currently a member at Redemption Church? If so, would you like to renew your membership commitment? If you’re not a member, would you like information about becoming a member?
