Thriving congregations clearly describe what a maturing faith looks like at every age and life stage. They describe when, where, and how faith is formed in daily life. They describe the roles family members, friends, and members of their faith communities play in equipping people to follow in the way of Jesus. Listed below is one version of a church's basic vision and plan for forming within and beyond their congregational setting. Use the insights from this plan to help your leaders craft your own vision of a vision for lifelong faith formation.

**PURPOSE MATTERS**
We are a vibrant Christian community where faith and life meet through worship, learning, and service in Jesus’ name.

**VALUES MATTER**
We are passionate about and energized by . . .
- **Worship** that is meaningful and relevant and include music that's joy-filled, authentic, and inspiring
- **Learning** about and living our faith in ways that include people of all ages
- **Serving** others by extending hospitality, building lasting relationships, and caring for one another, our community, and the world

**PEOPLE MATTER**
We seek to create a web of support for every Christ-followers that includes
- Parents, friends, and family members
- Grandparents and godparents/sponsors
- Pastors and program staff from our church
- Friends and faith mentors from our church

**PRACTICES MATTER**
We want to equip people to practice their faith daily and become comfortable having faith-related conversations.
- **PRAY** daily . . . individually and with friends and family members.
- **READ** and reflect on scripture at least a few times a week.
- **SHARE** life and faith stories with family members and friends, at home and on the go.
- Use their time, talents, and financial resources to **BLESS** their neighbors and community.

**PLACES MATTER**
We seek to inspire and encourage people of all ages to practice faith . . .
- **At home** . . . through caring conversations, learning, and devotional resources.
- **At church** . . . through engaging worship, milestones celebrations, classes, and learning/servant events.
- **Online** . . . through curated websites, podcasts, and downloadable resources.
- **On the go** . . . through providing faith forming tools to use when driving and while on vacation.