

THE DISCIPLESHIP HOUSE PLAN



Going From
Room to Room,
Growing From
Grace to Grace

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Years ago, our church leadership team had been trying to think of a systematic way to move people from an introduction to our church, through the basics of Christianity, to becoming diligent disciples, and eventually becoming well-trained leaders, capable of ministering to others. I had written a lot of material with these goals in mind that people could study on their own, but we weren't sure how to present it. At the time, we were meeting in an old three-story Victorian house, complete with an ornate porch, formal entryway, and various rooms that people liked to explore. Someone on the team had noted that the material was kind of laid out like a house; it had introductory material like the porch, and foundation material that acted like the big stones that supported this large structure, and lots of subjects we wanted people to explore, where we could move people from room to room, floor to floor, with each one containing the various topics we wanted them to study. I quickly drew a blueprint of a house and filled each room with the study material I had been writing. Immediately, we could see it. The design was both simple and systematic. We decided to call it Discipleship House.

It is our goal to teach this material live on Sunday nights throughout the year, record it, and present it along with study notes to anyone who is eager to be trained and equipped for ministry.

We also decided that before anyone would be invited to hold a key position in our church, they would need to go through the material on The Porch and Foundation, along with the first four rooms of the Discipleship House. After that, they could study any subject they were interested in. We felt this process would be invaluable in helping people understand our values and vision, which we feel is vital before assuming any position of leadership in our church.

What follows is a brief description of the various parts of Discipleship House and a listing of the courses available in each of the rooms. This is a work in progress and is subject to change.

THE PORCH – WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

This introductory information is for anyone interested in learning more about our church. We hope it will help those who are new to us to become more familiar with what is important to us as a church. This is the material we share in the book *A Life-Giving Church*, which is available in the Welcome Center. Some of this introductory material is available on our church website.

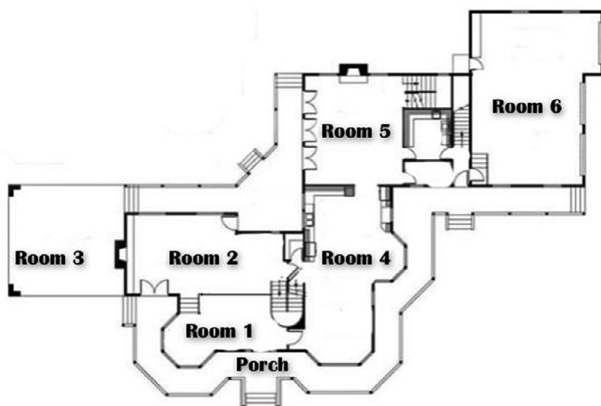
- Introduction to Our Church
- Our History as a Church
- Our Vision
- Our Distinctives
- Our Statement of Faith
- Our Affiliation
- Our Vision for Fellowship
- Our Vision For Small Groups
- Our View of Membership - The Commitment
- Our Work in Missions
- An Introduction to Anabaptist History

THE FOUNDATION – THE BASICS

This material covers the basics of Christianity. It is for anyone who is new in Christ or for those who want to learn more about what we believe. It can be used for individual study or small group discussions. This material will be taught live on Sunday evenings and made available on film and eventually in print.

- God's Plan of Salvation
- Real Repentance
- Resting in His Righteousness
- Finding His Favor
- The Difference between Savior and Lord
- Redeemed!

- Water Baptism
- What is Eternal Life?
- Fellowship – *Koinonia*
- The King Nobody Wanted
- The Priority of the Kingdom of God



ROOM ONE – THE ESSENTIALS

This is material that we feel is essential for anyone who wants to walk more deeply with the Lord and be effective in ministering to others. All of this material is available in various books by these titles in our Welcome Center.

- The Five Keys – A Study on How to Study
- The Three Baptisms
- Discerning Ourselves – Understanding Sin, the Flesh, and the Spirit
- The Day – Walking in Light of Eternity
- Headship – God’s Order for the Family and Church
- In the Name of Jesus
- Walking in Worship

ROOM TWO – DISCOVERING DISCIPLESHIP

This material is for those who are interested in discipleship and building disciplines into their lives. These disciplines will help them grow in Christ.

- Are you a Believer . . . or a Disciple?
- Discipline from Desire – Not a Command
- The Five Disciplines:
 - 1) The Discipline of Prayer
 - 2) The Discipline of Fasting
 - 3) The Discipline of Study and Meditation
 - 4) The Discipline of Giving
 - 5) The Discipline of Rest
- The Grace of Giving
- The Joy of Hospitality
- Budgeting Your Time

ROOM THREE – DISCERNING GOD’S WILL

This material is for those who want to know how to find God’s will for their lives, learn to hear His voice, and understand the basic principles of guidance. It has been written and published in a study guide entitled *The Great Quest* and is available in the Welcome Center.

- Discerning God’s Will
- Guidelines to Guidance
- It’s Time to Seek the Lord
- Discerning the Voice of God
- The Value of Vision
- The Work of Waiting
- Cultivating Integrity

ROOM FOUR – RELATIONSHIP RECOVERY

Our spiritual maturity is not determined by the quality of our gifts, but by the quality of our relationships with

others. This material is intended to help those who have been hurt by others to begin to recover and to enable them to help others become more spiritually mature.

- Jesus in Warfare
- Stopping the Mouths of Lions
- Sand in our Gas Tanks - A Study About Bitterness
- Creating a Culture of Confronting
- Levels of Forgiveness
- Koinonia Killers - How To Be More Discerning And Less Judgmental
- Communion on the Moon
- Gate-Keeping
- Divorce and Remarriage

ROOM FIVE – PERSONAL FREEDOM

There are things we all go through that are intended to impede our progress, rob us of our joy, and keep us from being free or effective. This teaching gives us the tools to overcome and enables us to help others become free.

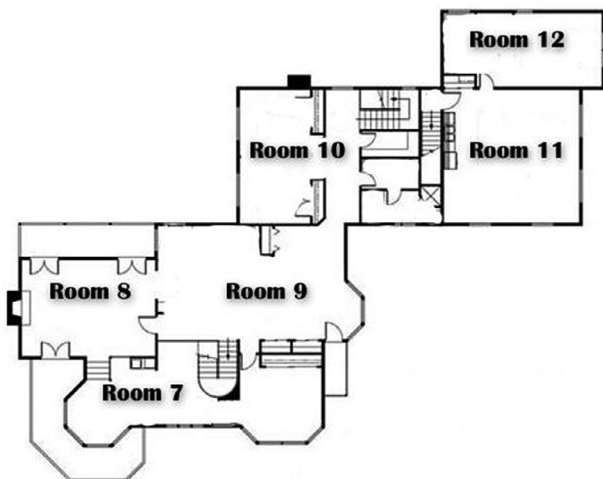
- The Power of The Mind's Eye
- No Longer Afraid of Fear
- Hope for Depression
- Listening to the Wrong Voice
- Conviction VS. Condemnation
- Your Feelings Do Not Matter
- Personal Purity - Shipwrecked on the Way to Heaven

ROOM SIX – WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE

We have all experienced personal revival when we first met the Lord. The goal now is to experience this again and again. This study helps us to see that God never intended this to be a one-time experience; instead, He

wants us to walk in newness of life.

- Personal Revival - Walking in Newness of Life
- How to Grow a Tree
- New Man – Old Man
- Zoe – Having Eternal Life Now
- The Ministry of John the Baptist
- The History of Revival



ROOM SEVEN – CULTIVATING YOUR CALL

Many people feel called to serve or be in ministry, but they don't always know how to cultivate their calling. This teaching is intended to help those who feel called to take the first steps towards preparing for ministry.

- Cultivating Your Call
- Five-Fold Ministry
- The Order of Ordination
- The Violent Take it by Force
- Impartation
- Welcome to the Wilderness
- Cultivating the Anointing

- Cultivating Integrity
- Shoes on the Wrong Feet
- Inviting Yourself to the Table
- Motivation for Missions
- Cultivating Your Call . . . Continually

ROOM EIGHT – THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD

There is an abundance of grace available in Christ Jesus, but it is all in vain if we do not learn how to tap into it, properly steward it, and freely give it away to others. This study gives instruction in how to do all three.

- The Manifold Grace of God
- The Favor of the Lord
- The Blessing
- The New Man
- The Abundance of Grace
- The Gifts of the Spirit
- The Root of Pride and Fruit of Humility
- The Meekness of God
- The Grace of Giving

ROOM NINE – THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

We all have blocks toward the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In fact, those same blocks that impede our progress now will remain with us throughout our lives. This teaching will help us overcome these blocks and allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us more effectively.

- Removing the Blocks to the Holy Spirit
- The Benefits of Speaking in Tongues
- The Portal Gifts
- My Search For the Gifts of the Spirit

- Giving Away the Holy Spirit
- A Place for Prophecy
- The Healing Ministry of Jesus
- Degrees of Deliverance
- Impartation - Laying on of Hands
- God's Toolbox - Signs, Wonders, Divers Miracles, and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Slain in the Spirit
- The Making of a Prophet - The Jeremiah Study

ROOM TEN – BUILDING BALANCE INTO OUR LIVES

This area of teaching focuses on how to find balance in our busy lives, which prevents burnout and helps us to have a relevant ministry that lasts. This material is available through live teaching sessions and in printed form.

- Come Aside
- Building A Balanced Life
- What Jesus Said About Taking A Sabbath
- What Jesus Said About Personal Retreats
- The Parable of Cherry Lane
- The Work of Waiting

ROOM ELEVEN – PILLARS OF AUTHORITY

This material is available through live teaching sessions and in printed form for those who want to have a role or a responsibility in our church. Those who desire to be used in the leadership of our local church should take these courses annually.

- The Pillars of Authority
- The Freedoms and Frustrations of Delegation
- Gate-Keeping

- The Church in the Wilderness –
A Study About the Leadership of Moses
- Board Orientation – Decision-Making
- Understanding Our Church Constitution

ROOM TWELVE – THE ATTIC

This area of training is specialized training for those who have been invited to serve in specific leadership positions in our church. Our goal is to use this material, both in live teaching sessions and with study guides, to train people to administer the grace they have been given with excellence.

- Preparing to Preach
- Worship Team Training
- Board Member Orientation
- Children's Ministry Training
- Small Group Leader Training (Deacons)
- Youth Worker Training
- Training for Hospitality and Security Teams

It has taken a lot of work to make this material available through the years. In fact, it has been my life's work. We began to publish this material in a series of discipleship books, which has proven to be a simple and straightforward approach to helping people assimilate to our church culture and become equipped for ministry.

With every blessing, Penn Clark

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