start something

Convictions or values are a vital and necessary starting point for any person or group thinking about launching anything especially a Neighborhood Gathering.

1. Pray and ask God to help you decide your values.

2. Discuss these with anyone who is seriously leaning in to sharing worship, community and mission with you.

3. Think through and optimize methods and rhythms.

4. Invest in discipleship and community.

5. Decide the ways in which you will pass on what you have learned.

A basic discipleship plan might include the following;

1. Spiritual Formation: the inner life of identity, Bible reading and prayer.
2. Missional Engagement: the exterior life of public faith, testimony, justice and witness
3. Accountable Life: the internal Lordship of Jesus made external through confession, sacrifice and holiness

A basic discipleship plan might include;

1. Identify your values.
2. Share your values.
3. Apply those values.
4. Decides your platform.
5. Define time.

Identify Your values.

Firstly write a list of twenty values that might be important to you as you seek to make disciples; then reduce to ten most important and finally a final five vital values. The five values are the ones that you would hate your disciples not to possess and practice.

Secondly, talk through those values with your team and be sure that within those five you touch on spiritual formation, missional engagement, and accountable (explained above).

Share these values.

How do you communicate the values? Examples can be the "hear response debrief cycle," a weekly teaching, modeling. Here's an example of a cyclical approach: First a person hears something from Jesus, then responds through action then returns for a time of debrief. From the place of debrief there is another opportunity to hear from Jesus and the cycle begins again. This cycle might take place over week(s) or
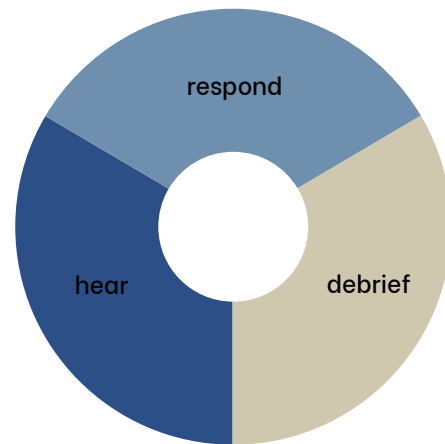on the same day or both!

Hear
Study a passage of scripture together being sure to see one of your values.

Respond
1. What were the action steps you chose?
2. How did you practice them?

Debrief
Accountability
Spiritual Formation
Values centered

Apply these values

If one of your values was the study of scripture then you could use the 'Four Questions' type of study.

1. Who is God in this story? HEAR
2. What has God done in this story?
3. Who am I/Who are we in this story?
4. How should I/how should we live now in light of what I/we have learned? RESPOND

Decide Platform

How will you deliver the values? What's the setting? You might choose to outsource this step to a seminar or prayer room, so don't think you have to generate every platform yourself. Examples: Class, small group setting, book study, one-on-one meetings

For example, look at the discipleship journey on the next page and the corresponding events and programs to help
people take their next steps. What platforms can you develop and outsource to help people take steps in their
journey?

Values

GROUNDED IN GODS LOVE	BAPTISM & BDP	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	CALLING QUESTION	EMPOWERMENT
Grounding potential disciples in Gods love and a place to experience the freedom, identity, and fullness He brings	Teaching young believers truths and practices for their new life in Christ, including spiritual formation, engagement in mission, and space for accountable life	Providing discipleship with core leadership ideas, ministry sessions, and key experiences	Helping leaders discern their calling by giving them a chance to listen in prayer, assess opportunities, and unlock their own personalities and gifts	Giving leaders responsibility within their current microchurch or in a new intiative that they lead

IDENTIFY VALUE	SHARE VALUE	APPLY VALUE	PLATFORM	DEFINE TIME
Prayer				
Mission				

DEFINE TIME

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How long will your basic discipleship plan take to walk through?
How often will you meet in that time period? Even though our entire lives are defined as being disciples, our BDPs shouldn't last forever. Have a definite beginning and know when it ends.