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Hey Church,

Last year the pastoral staff decided we wanted to “up our game” regarding intentional discipleship. To that end, we hired a consultant to give us advice on how to become more focused on discipleship. To be clear, discipleship has been happening at Ridgepoint from its inception decades ago. However, we felt that it would be good to refocus and retool.

We spent considerable time with the consultant rethinking how we can best reach our mission and goals. As the pastoral staff processed the feedback we received from him, our team came away with a plan to move forward. At the core of the plan are five outcomes that we believe every Ridgepoint attendee should aspire to:

- I am pursuing a deeper relationship with God
- I am centering my identity in Christ
- I am modeling my character after Christ
- I am growing in authentic community
- I am influencing others to Christ

As our renewed strategy came into focus, we decided to kick it off with a sermon series titled *Who Am I Becoming?*. Along with the sermon series, we also developed the curriculum you now have in your hands along with whoamibecoming.org.

The curriculum and associated website are the combined efforts of over 15 staff and members of Ridgepoint who contributed to the design and content for the project. It feels like a richly-colored mosaic and illustrates the Body of Christ at work through the many different gifts and talents of those involved.

As I prayerfully consider how the Lord may use the *Who Am I Becoming?* project in our midst, I am reminded of the Parable of Yeast in Luke 13:20-21: “Jesus taught this parable of yeast: ‘What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.’”

It’s our prayer that the “yeast” will start small and work its way through our congregation and that we may individually and as a church experience afresh the transformation that Christ offers to all believers.

We have purposely designed the curriculum to be flexible enough to be useful for Sunday School classes, small groups, mentoring and even personal devotions.

We pray that God richly blesses you and our church as we embark on the next phase of our journey together.

Blessings,

Pastor Joe Skillen
For the Pastoral Team