



STUDENTS

Guidebook



Our Mission:

We are people brought to life in Jesus, made spiritual family by Jesus, who together practice the Way of Jesus – for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors.

“people brought to life in Jesus” | We believe the Gospel is the good news that Jesus has accomplished everything necessary to rescue, redeem and restore us as people. We are brought to life by Jesus and for Jesus.

“made spiritual family by Jesus” | The church was never meant to be a place you attend. It has always been a people you belong to. Jesus forms his disciples into a new spiritual family.

“who practice the ways of Jesus together” | How do we follow Jesus? Simply put we organize our lives around three goals: Be with Jesus, become like Jesus, do what Jesus did. Together, we follow the pathways to Christlikeness Jesus has given us in his life and Word.

Gospel Story

Gospel People

Gospel Culture

Our Strategy:

What?

Spiritual Formation is the process of being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ for the glory of God and the good of others.

How?

Spiritual Formation happens when we partner our effort with the Holy Spirit on our journey toward Christlikeness.



Where Are We?

The Culture

Students today are swimming in an ocean of conflicting worldviews. The influence of these cultural waves cannot be understated. Today, belief in God is understood to be one possibility among several options. Many students do not approach the Bible with the same beliefs as previous generations on issues such as an absolute right or wrong, the existence of heaven and hell, or that there is an outside authority that supersedes personal truth.

The Church

We live in a historical time and cultural moment, where it is possible to become a Christian, but not be a disciple of Jesus. There is a version of Christianity that celebrates a Gospel that saves us, but doesn't change us.

**We owe the next generation a
better vision for life.**



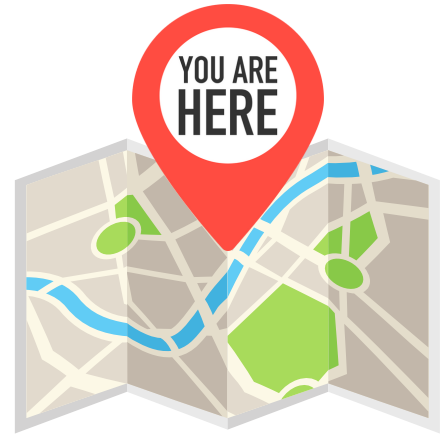
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The Key Questions we will address:

Where are you?

What is my Spiritual Geography?

What is my Spiritual Trajectory?



Who are you?

Where does my identity come from?

Why are you here?

What is my life's purpose?

Who am I becoming?

We are all being formed. Who & What is forming us?

Who is Jesus?

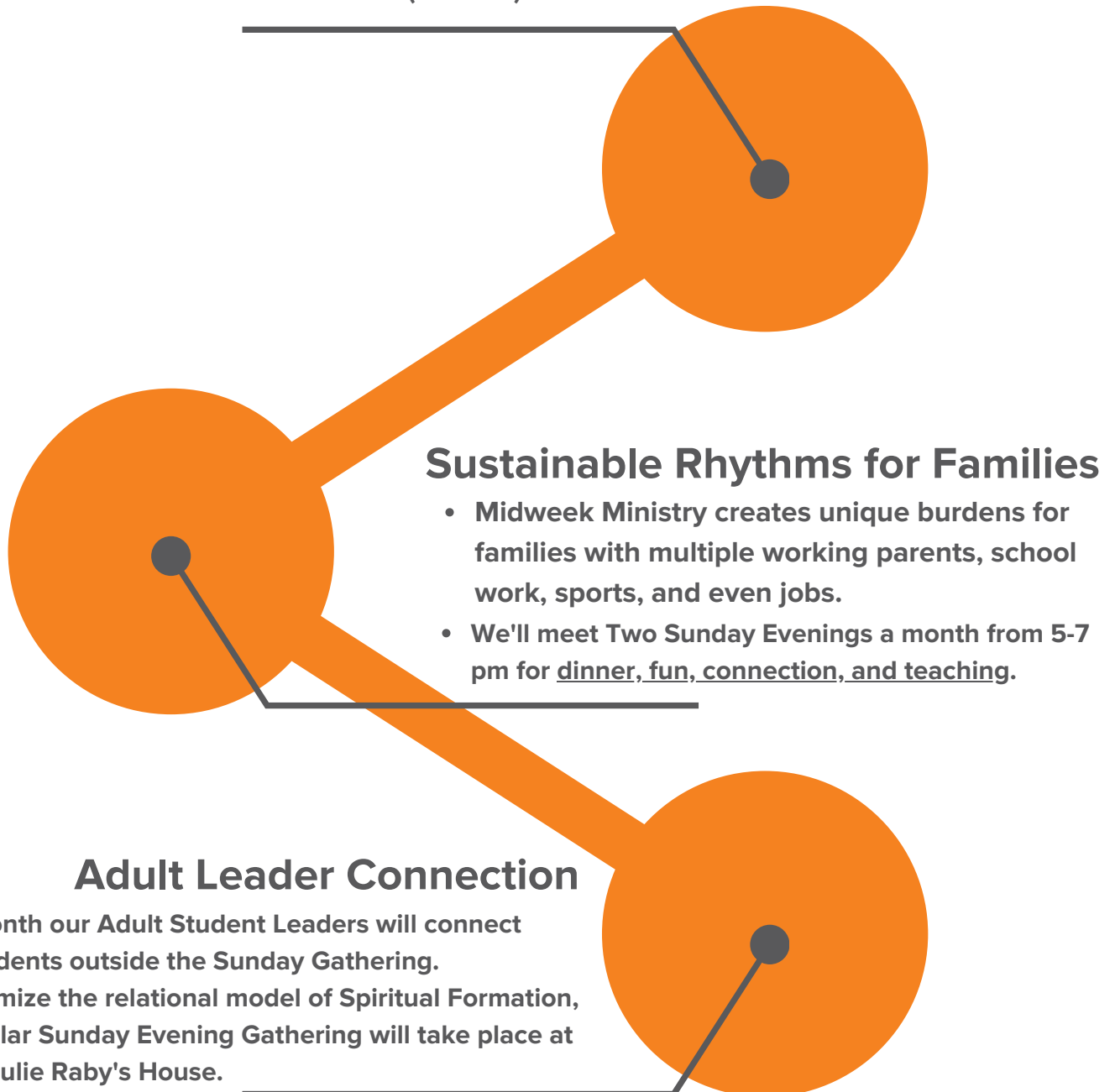
This question transforms how we understand discipleship.



Vision Map

Following the Way of Jesus Together

- Teaching that is designed to provide students with a holistic vision of The Gospel and life as an Apprentice to Jesus.
- An elevated expectation of personal Spiritual Formation that models and teaches students how to Follow Jesus. (Practice).





Student Ministry Calendar '23-'24

- Each Month your Student Leaders will schedule a connection activity.
- We'll join our Koinonia Network Churches for a Retreat and Block Party.
- Each student will receive a Practices Journal & Study Bible for weekly Formation.

September Teaching Focus

10th The Gospel Story | From Creation to Restoration

24th Follow Me | What it Means to Apprentice under Jesus

October Teaching Focus

1st Practicing the Practices | How to Read the Bible

22nd Practicing the Practices | How to Pray

TBD Costume Party

November Teaching Focus

5th Practicing the Practices | Cultivating Healthy Friendships

19th Practicing the Practices | Mission: Loving our Neighbors

December Teaching Focus

3rd Practicing the Practices | Inviting Others to Follow Jesus

17th Churchwide Christmas Party

- Small Group Christmas Gatherings

January Teaching Focus

7th Theology | The Narrow Way – Jesus as the Way

21st Theology | The Reliability of the Scriptures

February Teaching Focus

4th Culture | Sexuality and The Way of Jesus (MS & HS Divided)

18th Culture | Gender and The Way of Jesus

March Teaching Focus

3rd Wisdom | The Principle of the Path – Week One

24th Wisdom | The Principle of the Path – Week Two

April Teaching Focus

7th Flip the Script | Student Led Group

21st Formation | Mental Health & Jesus

May Teaching Focus

5th Formation | Two Pillars Part One: Authority at Home

19th Formation | Two Pillars Part Two: Authority in The Church