



Relational Discipleship

Vision for Disciples within Biblical Community

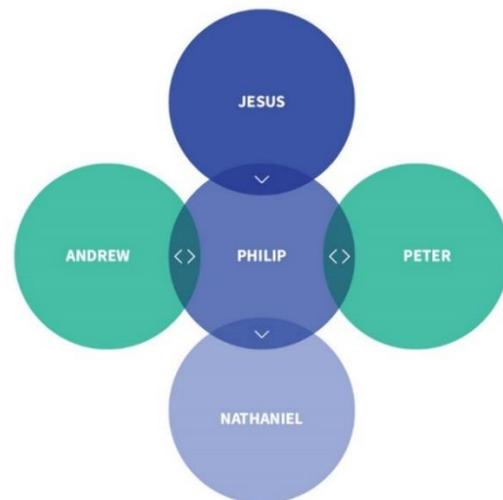
OVERVIEW

Biblical Community focuses on disciple-making relationships that build upon each other to ensure the disciple is growing towards maturity in Christ.

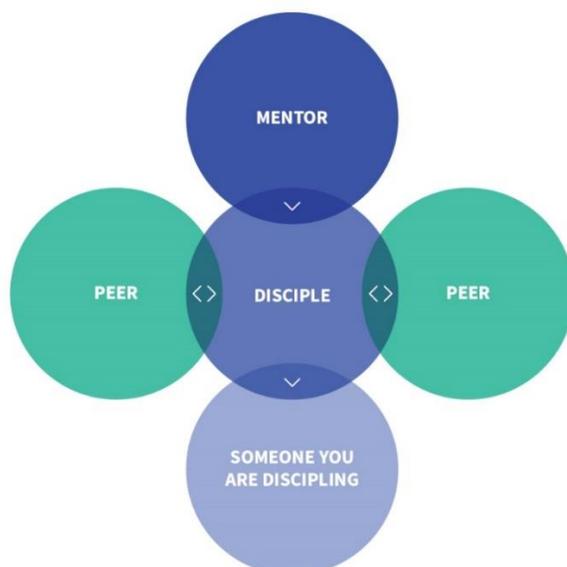
DEFINING THE MODEL

Biblical Focus: John 1:35-51

Relational discipleship starts with Jesus. Jesus called the disciples into a relationship w/him, with each other and also to those who would make up the future of the church. When Jesus called those disciples, he called them into relationships that would transform them into the body of Christ.



Relational Connection: Relational discipleship is the process of being connected in relationships that equip us and encourage others to be more like Christ. The purpose of this model is for disciples to make disciples through relationships. Disciples are in healthy relationship when they have a mentor, peers and someone they are discipling.



Discipleship matures with a **mentor**. The mentor serves to guide, resource, support, and equip the disciple to grow more like Christ.

Discipleship is sustained with **peer** relationships. Peer relationships hold each other accountable, teach each other through experiences, and care for each other through life.

Discipleship starts with **someone you are discipling** (you are mentoring them). A disciple expresses the love of God where they live, work, learn, and play.

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How-to

When to use relational discipleship: This model can be used to help disciples build the relationship needed to be disciples who make disciples. This can be implemented at any start point for people who are taking next steps in discipleship and leadership.

Who should utilize relational discipleship: The “Disciple (You)” is the person who has made a discipleship commitment to grow more like Christ.

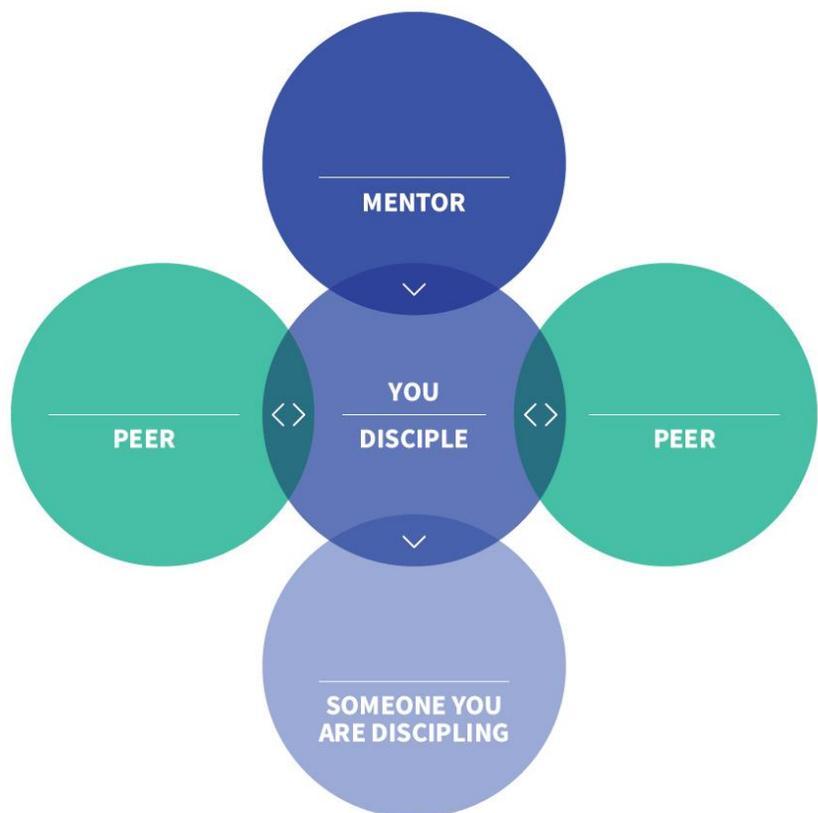
Use the questions below to fill out the diagram blanks for YOUR Biblical Relationships.

Who?

- Who is mentoring you?
- Who are your peers?
- Who are you discipling and/or sharing the gospel with?

Next Step: Use the questions to take next steps?

- How will you guide, resource, support and equip?
- How will you hold each other accountable, teach each other and care for each other?
- How will you express love?



ONGOING RELATIONSHIP RHYTHM

Create a regular rhythm of meeting weekly, biweekly, or monthly to maintain the relationships that are accountable and help you grow in Christ. For these relationships to be healthy, they should be mutually caring and embrace the need to be more like Jesus. Meet in an environment that ensures everyone can be engaged in the relationship.