

Discipleship at IBC takes place in a variety of relationships, in both formal and informal settings. Marriage and family life is the most pertinent relationship where sanctification takes root. The church family, and the developing relationships within the body of Christ, also plays a vital part in our learning Christ and following Him. Furthermore, sharing your faith with others, both believers and unbelievers, is essential for growing in the knowledge and understanding of every good thing we have in Jesus Christ.

If we moved the current Sunday evening Christian Education Ministries to Sunday morning, this opens the schedule on Sunday night for opportunities that foster community (hospitality) and ministry engagement (special ministries, ministry planning meetings, small group gatherings, etc.). The following questions are intended to provide feedback on how the practices of IBC might best spur one-another on to love and good deeds.

1. Practicing hospitality has nearly become a lost art in our modern, social media culture.

a. What barriers exists for you in practicing or participating in hospitality?

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b. Beyond establishing and promoting a regular hospitality night, is there anything the church might be able to do to help lower the barriers and positively increase your participation?

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c. What are some creative ways hospitality can be exercised in our current culture?

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2. There are several ministry teams that function at IBC, which are responsible for the administration of various ministries (benevolence, facility, music, missions, women’s ministry, finance, hospitality, greeters, etc.). Many of these teams regularly meet together to pray and plan for their particular ministry.

There are additional outreach and discipleship ministries that could begin should there be champions that arise to lead them.

Are there ministries you would like to be involved in at IBC that you are not currently engaged with? \_\_\_\_\_ *(If so, see the next question.)*

In what area(s) of ministry do you have an interest?

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3. Currently, there are members who regularly gather to memorize Scripture together, pray together or engage in Bible study together. Are there another spiritual disciplines that you would find helpful to regularly gather with others for edification and accountability? What would they be?

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Would this gathering necessitate corporate support and encouragement, or simply require the initiation and invitation from yourself toward a small group for participation?

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4. The formal children's ministry at IBC has a particular scope and sequence that moves children along a determined biblical/theological path (as seen in last week's handout). Would a scope and sequence of education be helpful when considering the Sunday AM Adult Christian Education? What considerations would you find helpful as we plan for effective Adult Christian Education on Sunday morning?

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## **Mission, Vision, Values, Priorities**

### **Mission Statement**

Our purpose and passion is to bring God pleasure by believing His Word and doing His will in the power that He provides for the praise of His glory, on earth and in heaven.

### **Vision Statement**

*\*Our Vision is Jesus.* We are disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge, faith, grace and obedience, who are committed to making disciples, who go into all the world and make disciples, for the advancement of the glory of God and for the joy of all people.

### **Core Values**

The *sovereignty* of God. (Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:4-10)

The *supremacy* of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Peter 1:18-21)

The *sufficiency* of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:25; 16:5-15; Acts 1:8; Romans 8; Galatians 3)

The *standard* of the Holy Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The *sanctity* of God's creation and the value of every person made in God's image. (Matthew 22:38-40; John 3:16; Galatians 5:14)

The *salvation* and *sanctification* of mankind by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 3; Galatians 3; Ephesians 2)

The *sacrifice* and *service* of God's people to advance His fame in word and deed. (Acts 20:24; Philippians 1:20-26; 1 Peter 4:19)

### **Corporate \*Commitments**

1. *\*The Word.*
  - a. Preaching, Teaching, Christian Education
  - b. Bible Reading, Bible Study
2. *\*The Fellowship.*
  - a. Hospitality, Edification
  - b. Caring for Members
3. *\*The Ordinances.*
  - a. Baptism, The Lord's Table
  - b. Corporate Worship
  - c. Good Works
4. *\*Prayer.*
  - a. Prayer, Praise, Petition
  - b. Spiritual disciplines
5. *\*Making Disciples.*
  - a. Evangelism, Missions
  - b. Discipleship
  - c. Spiritual growth
  - d. Walking by faith in step with the Holy Spirit

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