

Best Practices & Fall Schedule for Discipleship & Values

Schedule Recommendation:

For Life Groups that meet weekly

We recommend the following schedule:

Weeks beginning

- September 28 – Introduction: What is a Disciple?
- October 5: Value 1: Truth
- October 12: Value 2: Goodness
- October 19: Value 3: Beauty

Any meetings taking place before September 28th, we'd encourage you to utilize them as a time for sharing testimonies, praying together and building relationships.

For Life Groups that meet bi-weekly

Meeting option 1 for the weeks beginning

- September 14 – Introduction: What is a Disciple?
- September 28: Value 1: Truth
- October 12: Value 2: Goodness
- October 26: Value 3: Beauty

Meeting option 2 for the weeks beginning

- September 21 – Introduction: What is a Disciple?
- October 5: Value 1: Truth
- October 19: Value 2: Goodness
- Nov 2: Value 3: Beauty

Fall Sermon Series Calendar:

September

- 7 – In Christ: Identity
- 14 – In Christ: Worship
- 21 – In Christ: Community
- 28 – In Christ: Mission

October

- 5 – In Christ: Truth
- 12 – In Christ: Goodness
- 19 – In Christ: Beauty
- 26 – Adoption (this message is not a part of a series)

November

- 2 –Generosity Series begins



Best Practices for Using Discipleship & Values

1

Discipleship & Values was designed to be completed with a community. That means it does not contain daily/personal homework. We do recommend that you as the leader read the chapter ahead of time, and some of your members may benefit from doing the same. We also encourage you to foster ongoing engagement with the content throughout the week. Consider sending group texts sharing thoughts and reflections to keep the conversation going. Discipleship and values grow best in shared life.

2

The first chapter introduces Woodside's discipleship model, which will shape the rest of the book. You may want to split it into two sections, as the content is foundational and may prompt deeper discussion. The last three chapters each focus on one value and how you can implement them into your group. Lastly, avoid trying to implement everything at once. Focus on one practice at a time. The aim is sustainable growth, not quick fixes.

Why this resource was created:

Woodside is introducing the Discipleship Model and Core Values to encourage a “being” culture rather than a “doing” culture. That is, to emphasize God’s work over our own and to help us, the church, live out of our identity in Christ. This companion resource, Discipleship & Values, was designed to help your Life Group understand these new concepts and to engage with them both reflectively and relationally. Our goal is not to earn from God but to respond to His work.

