

Disciple Making Task Force Meeting May 20, 2018

Thanks for attending the first meeting of VCI Team 5. I thought our discussions were exciting for the first time we were meeting. Our next meeting is **Tuesday Night June 19th from 6-7 PM**. Let me know if you need child care that night. As I mentioned at the meeting, I did meet with Rev. Melanie today to clarify some of our questions and update her on our discussions:

Are we a "Small Group" or a "Task Force" - we are not to be considered a small group, we are a task force; once our tasks are completed we will disband.

As we work with new groups, what do we need to convey about the definition of "New small groups" - new small groups will need to fit the following three criteria:

- Fellowship - New small groups are Fellowship groups
- Discipleship - each group should have an opening or closing prayer or a devotion, and as a group it should provide a service to others (see examples below)
- At least 1/3 - 1/2 should be not church members (friends, family, neighbors, etc. that have been invited to attend)
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Examples of new small groups could be based on topics such as "Parenting teenagers", a Hobby Group, a Young Parents group, a gardening group, a dinner group, "Stitches of love" (similar to our prayer quilt group) but could be knitting, crochet, sewing, etc. There are endless possibilities.

As we continue to look at classes for the faith maturity of children, youth and adults, we can update Rev. Melanie and coordinate timing of the new class offerings.

I thought our meeting went very well and thought for our future meetings, and to use our time to the best outcome, we may consider some of the following:

- **Share your unique perspectives and experience, and speak honestly. (I feel this is the most important gift you can bring to our meetings)**
- If you state a problem or disagree with a proposal, try to offer a solution.
- Respect each other's' thinking and value everyone's contributions.
- Stay open to new ways of doing things, and listen for the future to emerge; you can respect another person's point of view without agreeing with them.
- Respectfully challenge the idea, not the person.

For our group, honest and constructive discussions will help us to get the best results.

The office has ordered the books and will have them sometime next week. Rev. Melanie suggests we read "Sticky Church" first.

Thanks for being a part of this exciting task force,

Dorothy