

Christian Life Ministries Update

"We exist to train, motivate and equip Pastors, ministry leaders and churches."



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Growth Track

I want you to imagine the man who visits your church on a Sunday and he's a skeptic of Jesus. Imagine the single mom who's doing her best to raise her children, working full time, with little to no time and she's trying to figure out how God could love her. Or how about the student who visits and is trying to figure out what church is all about but they had parents who never took them so they have no idea what Water Baptism and Communion are? Or how about the person that's been visiting your church for a while who doesn't know what tithing is but you talk about it every Sunday? Week after week, you're telling

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RESOURCES

We have the resources to help you take your church to the next level.

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TRAINING

We offer customizable training modules for a variety of interests and needs.

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EVENTS

We are committed to sponsoring events that are done with excellence.



The Surge

(K-5th Grade & Leaders)

April 5-7

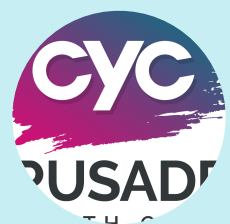
@ CYC



Women's Banquet

Friday, April 12th

@ Long Branch PFWB



CYC Staff &

Counselor Training

May 17-18

@ CYC

people how you need help for this ministry and that ministry but no one seems to care? Or even worse you have people leading those ministries who are not gifted for that ministry?

Now what is our response as the church?

- Is it the man's fault who walked into your church and is a skeptic?
- Is it the single mom's fault that she's questioning God and is doing her best to breathe?
- Is it the students' fault that they don't know some of the most sacred ordinances of the church?
- Is it the person's fault that they don't know what tithing is?
- Is it your church's fault that no one will volunteer for the Nursery? Or that you have people in the wrong place?

It's easy to answer questions like this...absolutely NOT (at least I hope that's your response to these questions). You see...the church is notorious for expecting the fish to be already cleaned when they come in...but it doesn't work that way. It's our job to show others what the Word says and not what we think. Teach the word and not tradition! People are searching for more, for truth and it's our job to provide them with a structure to help them grow in their faith.

Let's have an honest conversation about where you are today in your church when it comes to discipleship? No excuses just the truth. How are you doing? How many attend on Sundays compared to how many are attending Sunday School, Small Groups & Wednesday Nights? What are you offering that is able to reach people in each season of their spiritual journey?

You see in order to change where we're headed, we have to be honest about where we are! Your culture and strategy reveal what you believe and what you value. We are called to make disciples of ALL people, we don't get to pick and choose who we want to disciple. And let's be real, DISCIPLESHIP can be MESSY.

While we follow the example of Jesus, we are continually seeking to lead others along the same path that we are on. A disciple is not marked by knowledge but by obedience. Discipleship is about knowing and obeying the commands of Jesus. Naturally, when we follow Jesus we are going to develop his habits and walk out the life designed for us.

The church doesn't have the luxury of assuming that people know how to follow Jesus or they will just figure it out when they accept him! It's our responsibility to provide opportunities for application and ways to live out our faith. When we started walking, our parents gave us opportunities and even Jesus gave the disciples chances to live out their faith. We fail when...we expect people to do on their own without providing opportunities.

This is why I'm such a fan of "Growth Track" in church and discipleship. Growth Track gives people an identity, a purpose and a process to live out what God is doing in their life.

Growth Track is designed to help a person become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ. From the initial decision of accepting Jesus, to finding out more about the vision of the church, and to even finding a fulfilling leadership role on your team. The steps will provide you with a path to experience growth and fulfillment and it can be tailored to fit the church you lead!

Growth Track is comprised of four specifically designed steps that help a person GROW at any stage of their spiritual journey. Each step helps you move towards God's plan of fulfillment for your life. Ultimately, the goal is to help someone connect with a group of people where their life can touch the lives of others.

Remember the question I asked you earlier about: *"What are you offering that is able to reach people in each season of their spiritual journey?"*

It's easy to get overwhelmed with how to teach all the different classes on:

- Prayer
- Reading your Bible
- Tithing
- Water Baptism
- Communion
- Spiritual Gifts
- Serving in the church

This a lot for anyone and its easy to get anxiety and back off and end up "expecting without investing." It's easy to get overwhelmed. What system do you have in place to move people from one stage to the next? We all have some sort of structure - intentional or unintentional. So maybe, Growth track might be a good fit for you - to help you build a culture of discipleship!

If you're interested in launching Growth Track, then contact the CLM Department and we can help!



GREAT READS

Personal: Letters to the Church
by Francis Chan
Family: The Wilderness Course
by John Bevere
Leadership: Leadershift
by John Maxwell

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