

Church Revitalization & Development

Missional Discipleship “Following Jesus into the lives of Our Neighbors”

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Date: Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28, 2018
Time: Friday (6p) Dinner -Saturday (conclude by 3p)
Location: First Presbyterian Church, 130 Windridge Dr., Winchester, KY
Cost: Conference Fees paid by *Church Revitalization & Development*
Childcare: upon request
Objective: Participants will demonstrate how transforming discipleship leads to mission in their particular context.

- Jesus invested in His early followers so they would go where He intended to go. **Their lives were transformed by His life**, and **they were sent out to bear witness** to this new life in Christ.
- **By the power of the Holy Spirit**, they joined Jesus’ ministry of healing the sick, welcoming the stranger, and walking with the marginalized. In North America, discipleship is often understood as *receiving information that will improve one’s spiritual life*.
- Many North American Christians understand discipleship as their “church” experience, which is separate from and has little influence on the rest of their lives. Therefore, discipleship is disconnected from mission. Luke 10:1-10 will be used as a platform to discover **how discipleship is connected to mission** in the community through a Neighborhood Exegesis.

The venue will consist of 3 inter-active workshops.

WORKSHOP #1

A time to share with one another about our own experience of the transforming love of God and how this experience impacts our ministry.

WORKSHOP #2

A time to experience what it means that the church is a “sending” body. We are equipped to do ministry. All of us will look at the practices that equip us for God’s mission.

WORKSHOP #3

A time to discern what God is already doing in our neighborhoods and how best to join God’s mission.

Suggested Reading: “Growing Local Missionaries” by Dan Steigerwald;