

EMERGE STRUCTURE 2014

EMERGE BEFORE THE MISSIONS AND ELDERSHIP TRACK

EMERGE was created to develop leaders within TCC for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom in TCC, our city, and beyond. Our aim is to deepen our love for and application of the gospel and the community it creates (the church) so that more gospel communities can be planted whether they be community groups or churches nationally or internationally. We seek to grow leaders through theological study (reading assignments, teaching, group discussions 2 times a month, and pushing one another to apply what we learn) and modeling (living life together through prayer, meals, service, and leisure) in hopes that we will all be disciple-makers who make more followers of Jesus.

Schedule for Theological and Core Value Development for 2014

Date	Topic	Assignment to be completed by date	Bible* *
February 4	Intro to Emerge	Look at the Fish. Modeling of How to Prayerfully Study the Bible Together (introduce POMGAP- method)	1 Timothy
February 18	Church's Doctrine: Christian Hedonism	Desiring God- chp Intro-2: Goal- what is the aim of our lives?	Romans 5:6-11; 1 Timothy 6:17-21
March 4	Church's Doctrine: Sovereignty and Suffering	Suffering article by Piper and Powlison <i>Suffering and the Sovereignty of God</i> Chp 1, Chp 4, Chp 7 (about 60 pages) (As you begin reading, write down, in a few sentences, one experience of suffering from your life. Then read these pages making two observations and two questions for our discussion)	Romans 8:17-39
March 18	Church's Doctrine: Ordu Salutis- Order of Salvation	Redemption Accomplished & Applied by Murray (Get it and read the "Redemption Applied" section p79-181 read what you can; the whole book is worth the labor, but I understand time restraints)	Romans 8:28-30; 9
April 1	Church's Message Applied: Putting Off	Read Keller, <i>The Gospel in Life</i> , chp 2-3	1 Timothy 1:1-11
April 15	Church's Message Applied: Putting On	Read Milton Vincent's, <i>A Gospel Primer</i>	1 Timothy 1:11-20
May 6 OVER NIGHT RETREAT	Church's Community: Families on Mission: Growing in Self-Counseling	Read <i>How People Change</i> chp1, 6; The need for community and bringing together putting off and putting on.	1 Timothy 4:6-16
May 20 Meal together over the book	Church's God	<i>Knowledge of the Holy</i> by AW Tozier Meal together over the book (we will read this over the semester and then discuss it on this last day); Bring your self-counseling project	Plan for 6:30-9:00pm

June, July, August	Fun, service, prayer	OFF	Read it ☺
September 2	Review of Self-Counseling; Making God's Priorities your Priorities (scheduling);	Biblical Productivity by CJ Mahaney; ref. Crazy Busy	1 Timothy mem. James 3:16-17
September 16	Church's Community: Men's and Women's roles	Piper and Grudem- Chp 1 in Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood	1 Timothy 2:1-15 mem. James 3:16-17
October 28	Church's Leaders: Elders (plurality, how they function, church discipline)	Position paper on men and women in the church. Strauch- Biblical Eldership p15-50.	1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-25 mem. James 4:1-3
November 4	Church's Leaders: Deacons	Submit or revisit- Life plan; Articles by Keller, Piper, Driscoll (p40-56) & Ligon Duncan (don't worry with the comments just the articles.) Position paper on deacons;	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Answer three questions first. (given in email). Then write the paper. mem. Col. 1:15-16
November 18	Church's Mission: Making Followers Discipling New Believers: Word, Prayer, Church as Family (Importance of the Local Church; What is a Healthy Church?), Servant	What is a Healthy Church? Read part 1 p12-57 (Write a summary paragraph as to the need of the local church to the person who says, "my Christianity is personal and private and individual" Write a summary paragraph response to the person who says, "I am with believers all the time in small groups on campus, at work, in sports leagues, I don't need to be a member at one local church.")	1 Timothy 3:14-16 mem. Col. 1:15-16
December 2	Church's Mission: Making Followers Missionary; Multiplication	Vanderstelt- about 10 pages of articles; <i>The Trellis and the Vine</i> p7-28. Stories of building relationships and sharing the gospel as we live, eat, work and play;	1 Timothy 6:2b-16 mem. Col. 1:17
December 16	Church's Mission: The Poor and Racial Harmony	Read my chapter from Theology and Practice of Mission Watch bloodlines documentary (14 minutes); Listen to Tim Keller on Justice (Give one observation and lesson learned) Write a short paragraph as to why we should be a part of mercy ministry, what's at stake, and what that looks like for you.) (Other resources for reference: <i>When Helping Hurts; Ministries of Mercy</i> by Keller esp. chp 1 as to why Mercy for the believer)	1 Timothy 5:1-16 1 Timothy 6:1-2 mem. Col. 1:18
Begin for next Semester	Church's Mission: Engaging our lost culture	Read Reason for God by Tim Keller Part 1. Discussion around a meal.	Read it mem. Col. 1:19-20

*****Bring one observation and one question about the Bible passage for that week unless otherwise stated.***

We will also memorize James 3:13-4:10 in semester one and Colossians 1:9-20 for the second semester

Emerge Dynamics

- Emerge is not just learning knowledge. Each meeting is designed as a time to interact with God together, to interact with His word pleading for refreshment, illumination and power from his Holy Spirit, and to interact with one another for growth in knowledge, humility, and love.
- The group time will be Socratic in nature. It will not be lecturing but discussion based upon the reading.
- Each meeting will have 3 components: 1. Prayer and Testimony, 2. Study of the Word (usually 1 Timothy) and 3. Discussion of the topic for the day
 1. Prayer and Testimony: This will be a time when people in the class are able to share their story with one another and then see how their gospel story can be used to engage the story of others. Some weeks it will be a time to pray for specific people we are gospeling in our every day lives
 2. Study of the Word: We will study the entire book of 1 Timothy as well as other passages that help deepen us in the themes of Emerge
 3. Discussion of the topic for the day: Every week you will come with at least one observation and one question regarding the reading which will be used to begin and carry the discussion.
- Most meetings will be at the church but some meetings will be at my house (Pastor Sean) over a meal.

Personal Growth

Matthew 25:21

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, 1 You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

The aim of this section is to help you develop personal goals.

Matthew 25:21 calls us to be faithful over the “little” things. That is things that might seem unimportant but things that God has clearly called us to. What are the few things God has clearly called you to be faithful in and prioritize them in order of importance on paper and then on your schedule. Present to me by week three your personal:

- Prayer plan
- Bible Reading plan
- Intentional living plan

- Family Leading plan
 - Goals for your family.
 - How will you achieve these goals?
- Financial integrity
 - Budget
 - Giving to the church- inviting us into your life for deeper accountability

Life on Life

Over the course of the year we will have some scheduled fun events, prayer times, and times of service together.

There will also be other opportunities of time together

- *Prayer meetings- Tuesday AM 6:15am at church offices*
- *Lunch with Cordells*
- *Invest Night (Invest:Training- Vision, Leadership)*
- *Invest: Care (for community group leaders)*

Other things of note

- Those who are accepted to emerge will be looked to often for *Scripture reading, praying in our services, testimonies, etc.*
- Requirements will differ from those who want to grow and those who also are taking it for credit.

Disciple-Making

Seminars

Over the course of the year you will attend one of our disciple-making seminars on caring for new believers or discipling seekers. We will have some scheduled fun events, prayer times, and times of service together.

Living it Out

By the end of the first semester it is helpful if you are discipling someone- ie pouring into someone on a regular formal basis- O2 or otherwise. This will allow you to put into practice what you learn in Emerge and place you under regular coaching and encouragement from a pastor. Ways at TCC to disciple others:

- *Community group (leader, assistant, member)*
- *O2 facilitator*
 - *Be in or facilitate O2- coaching*
 - *Invited to Invest night*
- *Mentor*
- *Counsel a community group member or one hurting in the church*
- *Walk alongside a seeker in an official relationship for 4-6 weeks*
- *Specific plan with your wife, or with a child that can be developed in the faith, etc.*