

Building Discipleship Cultures

An Overview of The Discipleship Reframed Training (DR)

Summary of DR Goals: to help Christian organizational leaders to:

- 1) **Diagnose** what challenges and obstacles make it difficult for my church or organization to carry out Jesus' Great Commission commitment to make disciples. This honest evaluation about our current disciple-making situation readies us to discern which current efforts should be eliminated, altered, or added to.
- 2) **Discover** how Jesus' disciple-making culture with his disciples is compelling and transferable for our own time.
- **3) Develop** a framework for a culture of disciple-making, i.e., a Christ-centered, strategic, contextualized vision for creating a holistic, integrated, and fruitful approach to making disciples who make disciples.

What is the Discipleship Reframed Training?

- **1) EQUIP**'s DR Training is not just a seminar, nor does it propose a particular program or specific formula. Instead, it is an in-depth exploration that allows church leaders to create a framework for a discipleship culture.
- 2) The DR workbook's twelve chapters facilitate a phase one experience that helps leadership teams explore and contextualize Jesus' disciple-making culture.
- 3) Head pastors are required to be involved.
- 4) The DR workbook has four sections, all rooted in the example of Jesus:
 - a. Section one addresses initial diagnostic realities and starting points for disciple-making.
 - b. Section two provides input for church teams to create a Visionary Blueprint (VB) that expresses their desired holistic discipleship outcomes.
 - c. Section three presents a model that provides a framework to plan and evaluate all the church's disciple-making activities.
 - d. Section four wraps up the DR training by introducing several additional realities for disciple-making.
- 5) The discussion questions and exercises are for in-person, online, team, and personal work.
- 6) The DR Training currently offers its training through two phases:
 - a. *Phase 1: Team Integration* One introduction seminar followed by ten cohorts and twelve coaching sessions on Zoom to help church teams build their framework.
 - b. *Phase 2: Initial Implementation*–6 cohort meetings, 10 coaching sessions, and supporting resources will focus on the first implementation steps toward establishing a disciple-making culture.
- 7) **EQUIP** will provide a certificate upon completion of each phase. We will also offer ongoing coaching and training for church teams and those who want to become DR facilitators.
- 8) Cost: \$2500 for Phase 1. \$2500 for Phase 2. Scholarships are available.