




<p>WHERE WE'VE BEEN...</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ A review of what Core Discipleship is...◆ A study of Ephesians◆ A study of Galatians	
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<p>WHERE WE'RE HEADED...</p> <hr/> <p>◆ A study of Philippians</p> <p>◆ But first...</p>	
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<p>THE VPC VISION STATEMENT</p> <hr/> <p>TO GROW THE BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH _____, _____, AND _____.</p>	
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FIRST, WHAT CORE DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT...

- It is not a program
- A high pressure (or any pressure) process forcing you to do something you are not yet ready to do
- It is not a perfect model...there is no such thing


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CORE DISCIPLESHIP IS...

- A model to help us grow as Christians
- The tie to our vision statement:
 - To grow the body of Christ through faith, love, and service


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CORE DISCIPLESHIP IS...

- A model to help us fulfill the great commission
 - What is the Great Commission?
 - Matthew 28:16-20
- Spiritual parenting
 - Relational and Intentional
- A lifelong process


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THE CORE “PURPOSE”

<p>To give people the heart, vision, and passion for growing the people in their lives as disciples of Christ</p>	<p>Making disciple-making a lifestyle to be lived, not a program to be run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lifestyle centered on the practices that result in the spiritual growth of followers of Jesus Christ
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THE CORE “PURPOSE”

- **To fulfill the following five major Scripture passages:**
 1. **The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40)**
 2. **The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)**
 3. **The Four Keys (Acts 2:42)**
 4. **The Work of Ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13)**
 5. **The Pattern of Discipleship (2 Timothy 2:2)**

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WHY DO WE MEET TO STUDY THIS?

- The Creator of the universe gave us a book
- Linger over every word of it

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CORE DISCIPLESHIP ARTICLE

- 4 Discipleship Principles
- 8 Signposts of your spiritual progress
- 2 questions

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A STUDY OF EPHESIANS

3 MAIN POINTS:

1. RECONCILIATION OF
ALL CREATION
2. UNITY OF BELIEVERS
3. LIVING AS NEW
PEOPLE

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

3 MAIN POINTS:

1. FREEDOM IN CHRIST
2. THE ROLE OF THE LAW
3. UNITY IN CHRIST

A HISTORY OF PHILIPPIANS (AND OF PAUL'S ACTIONS)

Paul's Letters

35AD	Paul's conversion
46 - 48AD	Paul's First Missionary Journey
49 / 50AD	Paul attends the Council of Jerusalem
50AD	Letter to the Galatians
50 - 52AD	Paul's Second Missionary Journey
51/52AD	First Letter to the Thessalonians
52AD	Second Letter to the Thessalonians
53 - 57AD	Paul's Third Missionary Journey
56AD	First Letter to the Corinthians
56AD	Second Letter to the Corinthians
57AD	Letter to the Romans
57 - 60AD	Paul's arrest, imprisonment & journey to Rome
60 - 62AD	Paul in Rome awaiting trial before Nero
c.60AD	Letter to the Ephesians
c.60AD	Letter to the Colossians
c.60AD	Letter to Philemon
c.60AD	Letter to the Laodiceans (lost)
c.60AD	Letter to the Philippians
62 - 67AD	Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey
c.63AD	First Letter to Timothy
c.63/64AD	Letter to Titus
c.67AD	Second Letter to Timothy
c.67AD	Paul executed in Rome

- Philippians is towards the end of Paul's writings
- Why did Paul write the letter to them?
 - The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to thank the believers for the gift they had sent him. It is one of his most informal letters, and his overflowing love and affection for the believers is obvious.



A HISTORY OF PHILIPPIANS

- What is the key theme to Philippians?
 - The primary theme of the letter is to encourage the Philippians to live as citizens of a heavenly city, growing in their commitment to serve God and one another

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PRAYER
JOYS/CONCERNS
