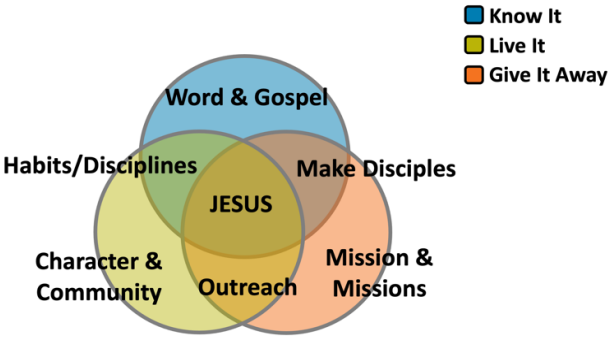
360 DISCIPLESHIP

United Edition
2023

Content
The goal of Discipleship 360 is to cultivate and equip a "360 degree" abiding relationship with Jesus Christ into the emerging generation.

In John 15:5 Jesus says, "if you abide in me, you will bear much fruit." A life of "fruitfulness" includes many things, but ultimately it is the life of Jesus lived out in me through Knowing Him, Living for Him, and Giving His Love Away to others (Know It, Live It, Give It Away). The Discipleship 360 content is built upon this vision.



Hearing and Doing
In each area of Know It, Live It, and Give it Away, we want to focus on *Hearing* and *Doing.* Hearing focuses on that which is taught and learned. Doing focuses on that which is practiced and put into action.

Structure
There are three layers to the structure of the Discipleship 360 training program. First are **D360 Coaches**. The primary role of D360 Coaches includes developing and overseeing the overall program, working alongside D360 Leaders to develop and implement the training. D360 Coaches are ministry leaders, directors, and pastors on the MEC staff.

Tony & Jess Livigni

Rick & Sonija Scavuzzo

Collin & Emily Paich

Next are **D360 Leaders.** The primary role of D360 Leaders includes developing the Discipleship 360 program alongside D360 coaches, regular teaching and equipping, discipling and leading D360 Disciples, and leading trips and trainings. D360 Leaders are short term, part-time staff (8-10 hours a week) at MEC.

United D360 Leaders:

Sam Akpan

Jennifer Reebel

Curtis Elson

D360 Disciples are students and young adults between the target age of 16-21. These students apply and participate in the discipleship training. Learn how to apply below.

Timeline

D360 Disciples will engage in equipping sessions, trips and experiences, all while being intentionally and relationally invested in by D360 leaders and coaches. The following explains the D360 "seasons" timeline, including a description of each season, and key dates.

Pre-Season (May)	Training Season (June-Sept)	Post Season (End of Sept)
May 2023	5 Months	September 2023

Pre-Season (May)

- Triads (1 leader with 3 disciples) begin the week of May 1st. These weekly meetings are scheduled by the leader and disciples based on their collective schedules. Triad time provides space to dive deeper relationally, allow for intentional spiritual formation, and prepares disciples to become disciple-makers.

- Weekly Engagement in a Ministry Area - Leaders and disciples continue regular serving in POWER Kids, Student Ministries (SM), United or other ministry area as well as attending Ignite and HS Life Group throughout the duration of the program.

Training Season (June-September)

- Orientation Week is Saturday, June 3 – Friday, June 9 at a location within a few hours from campus and includes D360 coaches, leaders, and disciples. This seven-day, retreat-like environment is designed to orient students to the heart and vision of Discipleship 360. The desire is to create an environment that will foster relational bonds, remove young adults from the normal patterns of life and introduce them to the teachings and rhythms of Jesus.

- Weekly Equipping with the entire team typically on Sundays, 1:30 – 4:00 pm. To avoid holidays, two sessions are scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm.
    - How To Study Your Bible is a 4-week practical, step-by-step, "how to" class designed to help disciples learn how to observe, interpret, and apply the Bible as they follow Jesus. Additionally, the disciples will learn how to take what they have learned through studying a passage and teach others. HTSYB: 6/20 (Tuesday Evening), 6/25, 7/2 - off, 7/9, 7/16 (Sunday Afternoons)

    - The Disciplemaking course is an 8-week in depth study of Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission). Through this course, each phrase within the commission is carefully considered, seeking how to best understand, and put into practice the directive given by Jesus. Beginning 7/25 (Tuesday evening) continuing Sundays 7/30 - 9/17. Off on 9/3 to allow families to celebrate Labor Day weekend together.

- Weekly Engagement in United and serving.

- Weekly Triad Discipleship continues.

- Serving Event/Opportunity
    - MEC Bible Camp is in the evenings of June 26-30.
        - Bible Camp is for ages 4 years through completed 4th grade where kids learn about the Bible and hear the message of the gospel. The D360 disciples will have an opportunity to serve during this amazing week.

    - Kenmore Church Bible Camp tentatively planned for the evenings of Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15 and all-day Friday, June 16 - Saturday, June 17. Or the evenings of Monday, July 17 - Thursday, July 20 and all-day Friday, July 21 - Saturday, July 22. D360 Disciples will have an opportunity to serve in a Bible Camp experience at an urban church in the Kenmore neighborhood of Akron.

- Spiritual Enrichment Conference
    - Xenos Summer Institute begins on Wednesday evening, July 12 through Friday, July 14 at Dwell Church in Columbus, Ohio. Xenos Summer Institute is a remarkable 3-day experience with like-minded Christians who desire to follow Jesus. You will learn about culturally relevant topics for the church today from top Christian leaders.

Post-Season (End of September)

- Overnight Celebration Retreat Location TBD and tentative dates are Sept. 23-24 or Sept.30-Oct 1.
    - The final retreat, to wrap up the D360 Disciple's summer experience and training, will include celebrating the disciples, discussing how their experience can shape their lives going forward, and "commissioning" them as they go back into "normal life" to abide in Jesus and make disciples.

- Leaders Follow-up with Disciples
  Our prayer is the relationships formed between 360 leaders and disciples will continue past the end of this program. Leaders will follow up with disciples in the months ahead continuing to pray and encourage them.

Key Dates for Student Ministries Disciples:

- Orientation Week: Saturday, June 3rd – Friday, June 9th

- Kenmore Church Bible Camp:
    - Evenings of Monday, June 12th - Thursday, June 15th and all-day Friday, June 16th - Saturday, June 17th

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    - Evenings of Monday, July 17th - Thursday, July 20th and all-day Friday, July 21st - Saturday, July 22nd
    - The date of the Kenmore Serving Event will be confirmed as soon as possible, and disciples will be notified.

- Equipping Session 1: *How To Study Your Bible*
    - Tuesday, June 20th from 6:30-9:00 pm
    - Sundays: June 25th, July 9th, and 16th from 1:30-4:00 pm

- Bible Camp: Evenings of Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th

- Equipping Session 2: *Disciplemaking*
    - Tuesday, July 25th from 6:30-9:00 pm
    - Sundays from 1:30-4:00 pm on July 30th, August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, September 10th and 17th

- Celebration Retreat: Tentative Saturday, September 23rd – Sunday, September 24th, or September 30th-October 1st.

Typical Weekly Schedule on Non-Trip Weeks

- Weekend Service – Determined by Disciple
- D360 Equipping Session – typically Sundays 1:30-4:00 PM
- U-Group – Sunday 7:00-9:00 PM
- U-Night (Monthly) - Thursday 7:00-9:00 PM
- D360 Triad Discipleship Time – Determined by Triad (1.5-2 hours)
- D360 Homework – 0-2 hours

Cost and Application

Total participant cost for a United Disciple is **$375.00.**

- Xenos Summer Institute cost is $225
  - Includes, registration fee, 2 nights lodging, transportation.
- Kenmore Bible Camp cost is $50
  - Meals for the week
- D360 Resource Fee is $100.
  - Due by April 15th (Payment info will be sent upon acceptance to D360.)
  - For books, materials, binders, journals, etc.

If the cost is an obstacle for you to participate, please let us know. We have guidance for participants to raise support.

How to Apply:

- Paper applications are available. Or scan the QR Code below to access the application.
- Applications are due by ***April 2, 2023***
- Complete and return application to a D360 Coach, Leader, or to Collin Paich cpaich@graceohio.org
- If you are seriously interested in D360 but are concerned about the schedule, please apply anyway. We would like to try to work with you and your schedule.

Discipleship 360 Application

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