

REBOOTING THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

COVID OBSERVATIONS

1. A general attitude of 'me, my rights and self'.
A lack of enthusiasm for what the Lord is passionate for: reaching the lost.
2. People swinging away from Biblical TRUTH to people's opinions and finding similar views online to reinforce those opinions.
3. People isolating and out of fellowship because of fear, Govt restrictions, being out of the routine and the habit of meeting together - Church.
4. People disconnected and this is reflected in attendance, attitude, giving and serving.

LEADING OUT OF COVID BY REBOOTING THE DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS

ACC Vision (*why we exist*)

- To be a Christ-centred community of believers who obey the Great Commission.

ACC Mission *(what we do)*

- Empower people for life change *(making disciples)*

A renewed commitment to six disciplines.

1. To live a devoted lifestyle that passionately follows and obeys Jesus.
2. To intentionally pursue the lost with the Gospel of Jesus.
3. To strengthen Biblical foundations to build our lives upon.
4. To deepen our connection with one another to experience authentic Christian community.
5. To discover our spiritual gifts, abilities and aligning them with our heart desires to serve.
6. To reprioritise our lifestyles to serve Jesus in the local church, community and world.

Outworking these six commitments through the...

ACC Ministry Strategy *(how we do it)*

ENGAGE people WITH Jesus.

- To live a devoted lifestyle that passionately follows and obeys Jesus.

John 14:21 (erv) Those who really love me are the ones who not only know my commands but also obey them. My Father will love such people, and I will love them. I will make myself known to them.”

Matthew 10:38 (amp) And he who does not take his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me] is not worthy of Me.

- To intentionally pursue the lost with the Gospel of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20a (niv) Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

ESTABLISH people INTO their faith.

- To strengthen Biblical foundations to build our lives upon.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (erv) All Scripture is given by God. And all Scripture is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching the right way to live.

¹⁷ Using the Scriptures, those who serve God will be prepared and will have everything they need to do every good work.

***Psalms 25:4-5** (gnb) Teach me your ways, O Lord; make them known to me. ⁵ Teach me to live according to your truth, for you are my God, who saves me. I always trust in you.*

- To deepen our connection with one another to experience authentic Christian community.

***Ecclesiastes 4:12** (erv) An enemy might be able to defeat one person, but two people can stand back-to-back to defend each other. And three people are even stronger. They are like a rope that has three parts wrapped together - it is very hard to break.*

***Hebrews 10:24-25a** (amp) let us consider [thoughtfully] how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...; (see also **Acts 2:42-47**)*

EQUIP people FOR service.

- To discover our spiritual gifts, abilities and aligning them with our heart desires to serve.

***Ephesians 2:10** (amp) For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above - spiritually transformed, renewed,*

ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

EMPOWER people TO serve.

- To reprioritise our lifestyles to serve Jesus in the local church, community and world.

1 Peter 4:10 (amp) Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor].

EQUIP TRAINING COLLEGE

Equip Training College (ETC) is intentional about equipping followers of Christ to be effective ministers and leaders, who serve God by serving others.

ETC places a high importance on identifying, equipping and releasing people into Christian service and leadership within the local church, community and throughout the world.

ETC endeavours to teach people the fundamentals of the faith in a way that will

transform their life and character, whilst preparing them to fulfil the call of God in their lives.

The ETC curriculum is designed to help local church leaders to fulfil the Biblical mandate *...to equip His people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-12*

MISSION

- Empowering People for Life Change (*making disciples*)

STRATEGY

- **ENGAGE** people into Christian discipleship.
- **ESTABLISH** people in their knowledge of the Bible.
- **EQUIP** people for ministry and service.
- **EMPOWER** people to reach their God given potential.

STUDY

Both the Certificate and Diploma courses are built around two streams of study.

- **Biblical Theological Studies**
- **Practical Ministry Competencies**

No form of study is as effective in transforming human lives as the study and application of the Word of God.

Our Theology content is faith building, Holy Spirit inspired, and Biblically sound.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (gw) *Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval. ¹⁷ They equip God's servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.*