

SECTION 4

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The goal of the church is not simply to gather for the sake of gathering but to be formed into the image of Christ. With two simple words, “follow me,” Jesus invites us into a life of learning from Him and walking with Him – this is discipleship. Discipleship is simply learning to live like and with Jesus.

Being “made alive in Christ,” is therefore a life of practicing the way of Jesus. At LIFEGATE, we are not satisfied with only gathering on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evening. We place a high value on gathering, but we believe God has called us to work together to see the image of Christ formed in every person God has called us to lead and pastor.

“My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!”

Galatians 4:19

“Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:13

This formation is not something that happens overnight. It is the result of walking a long journey of faith with the people of God in the local church. This formation, then, is rather a transformation. God desires to transform you into the likeness of His Son Jesus.

Spiritual formation cannot happen in isolation. It is the result of being faithfully and intimately connected to God and the church. We believe that all three elements are necessary to experience God’s transformative work in your life. Though God is the sole agent of transformation, He has designed transformation to happen as you practice your faith in your life and in your local church.

GOD | THE AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION

God has called you into a life of transformation that can only come from Him. God is the source of:

TRUTH | John 1:1-5

GRACE | John 1:14, 16-7

POWER | Romans 5:13

THE CHURCH | THE COMMUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATION

God has called you into active participation in the church as disciples of Jesus. LIFEGATE's role is to:

GATHER | Acts 2:42;46-47

CARE | John 21:15-17

EQUIP | Ephesians 4:11-12

YOU | THE APPRENTICE OF JESUS

God has called you into the joy of following Jesus through the Holy Spirit as you:

PRACTICE | John 13:15

FELLOWSHIP | Hebrews 10:24-25

INVITE | Matthew 28:19-20

As a church we know and value our role in the formation of those who call LIFEGATE home. We work hard to create spaces for you to connect with others and grow in your faith. We intentionally design these spaces where you can gather, be cared for, and equipped in your faith and formation. What we do is invite you to participate in:

- The Sunday Gathering
- The Made Alive Experience
- Studies
- TeamLIFE

If you are intentional and patient, as well as pursue your next step through one or more of these avenues, you will grow in your faith.