1. **What are the objectives of this training event?**

   A. At the conclusion of this event you will have a clear picture of what a successful disciple-making journey looks like and three critical components needed to complete the journey.
   
   B. You will not only understand the value of the key disciple-making unit we call the “micro group,” but you will have practiced the key elements three times.
   
   C. Disciple-making also requires a transformed and supportive culture in which disciples are made. You will have a clear picture of how a disciple-making culture is created and sustained.

2. **Who is this intensive for?**

   The intensive is designed for those who seek to understand the practice of disciple-making, to form the ministry’s culture and want to implement the strategy in your church. Participants would include pastors, professional staff, para-church leaders, missionaries, elders, lay-leaders, etc. who are focused on disciple-making.

3. **Why should I come with a team of 4?**

   We have chosen the number 4 because this is exactly the size of group that we believe is ideal to be your basic disciple-making unit. There is nothing like experiential learning. In addition, your team will have a chance to discuss together topics such as the current health of our church’s disciple-making efforts, the biblical and theological foundations for disciple-making; and grasp the three critical elements necessary for disciple-making: relationships, multiplication, and transformation. You will examine a curriculum that can provide the basis for your disciple-making efforts.

4. **Who will be leading this training event?**

   The leadership of the conference will be shared by Dr. Greg Ogden and Pastor Ralph Rittenhouse. Greg “retired” after 38 years in pastoral ministry having focused his call around intentional disciple-making. He has authored 6 books on the subject with his curriculum *Discipleship Essentials* (IVP, 2019, third edition) having sold over 300,000 copies in the past 20 years. Ralph Rittenhouse led Camarillo (California) Community Church, north of LA, through a 5-year process of transformation. The church went from 0 to 130 discipleship groups to such an extent that the church’s identity is a disciple-making congregation.

5. **What ultimately are we trying to accomplish?**

   The vision behind this intensive is the dream that God would raise up *model churches* that have become disciple-makers from which other churches could learn to do the same. Model churches are teaching churches who not only multiply disciple-makers but also multiply disciple-making churches domestically and internationally. “Compelled by Jesus’ Great Commission, Global Discipleship Initiative (GDI) envisions a worldwide explosion of indigenous, multiplying, disciple-making movements in every country by the year 2026.”