

Global Discipleship Initiative

YOU KNOW WHY.
WE KNOW HOW.

Transforming disciples
who make disciples through
MICRO GROUPS
(3-4 people)

“Go and make disciples.”



Upcoming GDI Events

- July 23-28 Three-Self Church Leadership Training and Multiple City Visit
Nanjing, China
Contact: Matthew Fung
- Aug. 7-9 Send North
Alaska
Contact: Steven Hall
Director of Partnerships
(907) 320-0158
- Sept. 20-21 ECO Presbytery of Texas
First Presbyterian Church o
Amarillo, Texas
Contact: Howard Griffin
(806) 367-3387
- Oct. 25-26 National Disciple Making Forum
Franklin, Tennessee
Register: discipleship.org
- Nov. 8-9 Pastor's Conference
Nanjing, China

The Vision of GDI

Matthew 28:18-20

Compelled by Jesus' Great Commission, we want to multiply transformed disciples through MICRO GROUPS in every country in the world by 2026.

Make disciples the way Jesus made disciples.

“Suppose I have a new convert by my side and I need someone to walk with them next year—to disciple them. What is the plan in your church if someone came up to you and asked that?”

- Greg Ogden's Challenge to the Global Church



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For more information, visit us online.

Contact Greg Ogden or Ralph Rittenhouse for details about each event.



Training, Coaching, Consulting

GDI trains, coaches, and inspires pastors and Christian leaders to establish indigenous, multiplying, disciple making movements, both nationally and internationally.

We Are Invited to Go to China and Singapore

Dr. Ogden has been invited by the Three-Self Church of China (officially sanctioned church) for two visits this year. From July 22-29, Greg and Lily Ogden will be doing training in Nanjing for two days and a “meet and greet” with pastors in four others city concluding in Shanghai (Lily’s birthplace).

This is an advance trip to prepare for a Pastor’s Conference (120 participants) from November 7-9, where Dr. Ogden will be one of two presenters for a day a half.

Following this event, an opportunity has opened up to go to Singapore for a one-day seminar for pastors and seminarians with another half day of

teaching as well sponsored by CCL Singapore. (CCL has 6 offices around the world, one of which is in Houston under the name of Christian Communications Incorporated.)

Last year the Nanjing Seminary sponsored the printing of three of Dr. Ogden’s book in China through the efforts of Greg’s Chinese publisher in Hong Kong. See the beaming face of our partner, Rev. Xiao Yuan behind Dr. Ogden’s books!

These exciting opportunities will allow us to explore the possibilities for equipping Chinese pastors how to use the disciple making curriculum in the context of our micro group mission to multiply disciples who make disciples.

WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Discipleship mean *following*.

Faith = Obedience

Discipleship is not a book.
Discipleship is not a class.
Discipleship is not a program.
Discipleship is not a bullet dot.

Discipleship is more than giving assent to a creed.

Discipleship is a lifestyle.

By learning and practicing His words, we grow step-by-step, becoming more like Christ.

John 14:15

Iowa! Here We Come!

In 2015, a couple came from Iowa to Camarillo, California to learn personally from Dr. Greg Ogden and Ralph Rittenhouse along with over 50 others from 18 countries. After being at this Global Discipleship Summit, Jean and Marv began several micro groups in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Marv is putting *Discipleship Essentials* into action. He has introduced it to all the elders and deacons in his home church, Maranatha Bible Church, and also to

the Discipleship/Missions pastor at Community Bible Church located in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Marv personally has started a group with 3 young men, who come eager to learn and share. Already they are praying about the ones they will invite when they complete the 25 lessons.

Jean began a group with a college student from Africa including two other women from their church. Now, the Women’s Ministry Coordinator is beginning a micro group.

Where is Iowa?



TAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER ASSESSMENT

Go online for the *free* assessment for your church/multiplication.com/disciplemaker/

Discover your profile and pattern of disciple making.

The assessment is FREE and takes about 20 minutes to complete.

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HOW DO YOU DEFINE A DISCIPLE?

Clarifying the definition of a word is essential. *Leadership Essentials*, p. 104, explains more in depth:

“A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us.” -Greg Ogden

“A disciple of Jesus is a person who is learning from him how to live their life in the Kingdom of God as he would live their life if he were they. A disciple is one who is with Him learning to be like him.”

- Dallas Willard

Gerhard Kittel’s study on the word *disciple* says that it ‘always implies the existence of a personal attachment which shapes the whole life of the one described as *mathetes* [Greek for disciple], which in its particularity, leaves no doubt as to who is deploying the formative power.’”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *The Cost of Discipleship* states, “Only the obedient believe. When we are called to follow Christ we are summoned to an exclusive attachment to his person. Christ calls, the disciples follow.”

NATIONAL DISCIPLE MAKING FORUM

GDI is privileged again this year to be invited to be one of 15 disciple making ministries to offer a training track at the National Disciple Making Forum. This is only the 3rd year as a significant conference.

Ralph Rittenhouse and Greg Ogden will be leading three consecutive sessions for attendees to learn more about implementing micro group strategies that have been so successful for disciples making disciples in an environment that is transparent, and relational. With the key component of multiplication and accountability, we have tools for handing off our faith.

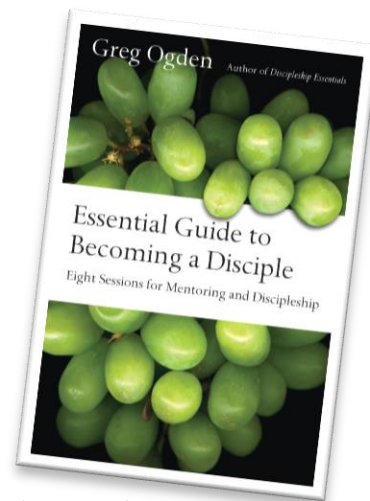
It has grown exponentially from 650 participants the first year to over 1400 last year. This conference is sponsored by Discipleship.org which describes itself as “the Chamber of Commerce for disciple making ministries.” Already this year there are over 1800 registered.

Under the leadership of Bobby Harrington, this umbrella champions those who are laboring to return disciple making to the central focus of the church. Bobby recognizes that the job is too big for any one ministry and that only as there is synergy and mutual respect among us, can God’s kingdom will be built.

Our teaching tracking will be called, *The Power of Micro Groups to Transform and Multiply Disciples*. We will also have a table display to share with others what we uniquely have to offer. Five members of our board will be in attendance to engage over 1500 delegates from across the world. If this conference is of interest to you we would love to have you join us. Let us know. Register yourself or a group at Discipleship.org. At that site you will also find free resources, podcasts, videos, and free ebooks.

NEW! ESSENTIAL GUIDE VIDEOS

The *Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple* now includes chapter-by-chapter 12-minute videos. Visit Vimeo.com/gdisciples to view all or download free. The first video clarifies “What Does Jesus Expect of His Followers?”



Chapter 1 is about Jesus, “Who Does He Think He Is?”

Chapter 2 is the challenge to become disciples. “What’s the Difference Between Disciples and Christians?”

Chapter 3 begins with the Great Commandment to go “Reach All People.”

Chapter 4 identifies **baptism**. “Enter the Circle Dance of Love.”

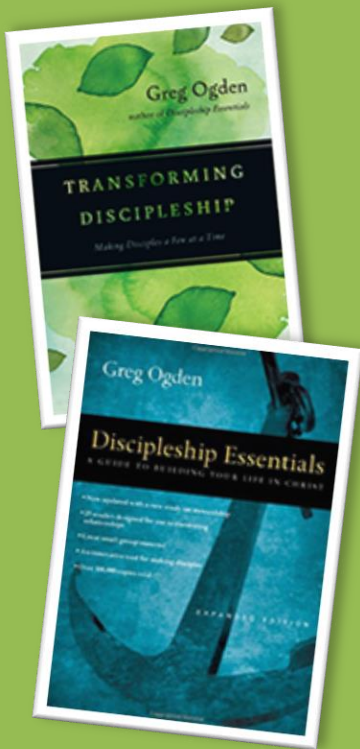
Chapter 5 follows with **teach** to “Fall in Line Behind Jesus.”

Chapter 6 refers to how to make disciples, “Jesus’ Relational Way.”

Chapter 7 defines transformation. “Get Real and Find Freedom.”

Chapter 8 Jesus Promises, “I Am with You Always.”

Closing Challenge, “Are You Ready to Be ‘All In’?”



“We researched 10 different books on leadership and landed on *Leadership Essentials* by Greg Ogden

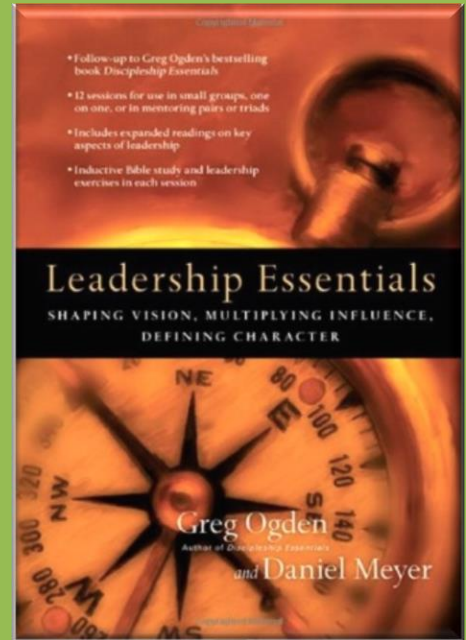
for our Chinese Christian Church, English-speakers.

We want to build a church of disciple makers.”

- Pastor Curtis Lowe

Thousand Oaks, California
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February-July 2018
Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:45am



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