

BE THE WAY

An Introduction

Be The Way is a six-week group immersion into MicroChurch.

It's for new MicroChurches that want to discover the essential DNA of being a MicroChurch AND for existing small groups that want to explore the possibility of transitioning to a MicroChurch.

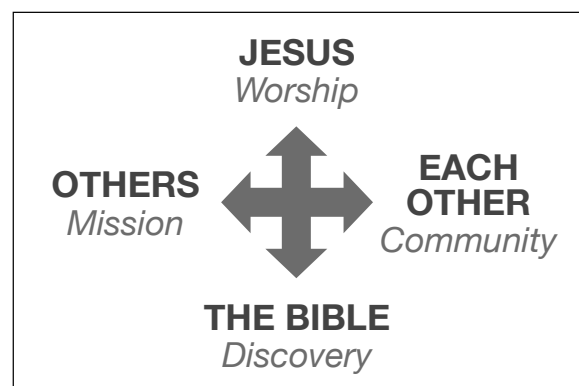
The goal is that as you experience MicroChurch you'll become a MicroChurch.

Here's what's covered:

1. MICROCHURCH - **Acts 2:36-3:10**

If you were to boil church down to its essence, you could describe it in this way. The church has four crucial priorities based on four key relationships:

- **WORSHIP** - Our Relationship to Jesus
- **DISCOVERY** - Our Relationship to the Bible
- **COMMUNITY** - Our Relationship to Each Other
- **MISSION** - Our Relationship to the World



Wherever you have these four priorities and relationships, you have a church, regardless of size. That's because that church 1) seeks Jesus passionately, 2) lives life biblically, 3) loves each other sacrificially and 4) shares the Good News of Jesus boldly.

MicroChurch is a smaller way of being church.

Small is **SIMPLE** - By removing complexity, we can focus on priorities.

Small is **ENGAGING** - Everyone gets to play in a MicroChurch.

Small is **STRATEGIC** - MicroChurches are accessible, contextual, sustainable, replicable, and therefore, unstoppable.

[We Are Church Documentary](#) video - Francis Chan

2. WORSHIP - **Luke 5:1-11**

Worth-ship is praising, repenting and prioritizing Jesus in everything because He is worthy of it.

3. DISCOVERY - **2 Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17**

The Discovery Sequence in relationship to God's Word is:

- To **hear** God's Word
- To **obey** God's Word
- To **experience** God's Word

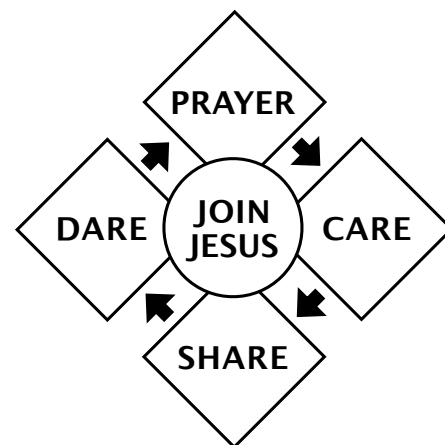
4. COMMUNITY - **Philemon 1-25**

MicroChurches are so much more than just meetings. They're extended spiritual families. Gather with your brothers and sisters for Worship, Discovery, Community and Mission.

5. MISSION - **Matthew 28:16-20**

Our mission is to join Jesus in making disciples of those around us through a **Prayer > Care > Share > Dare** lifestyle.

- **PRAYER** – Persistently pray for others to encounter Jesus.
- **CARE** – Compassionately care for others' needs.
- **SHARE** – Relationally share each others' stories and Jesus' Story.
- **DARE** – Personally dare others to be disciples of Jesus.



6. DISCIPLESHIP - **Galatians 4:8-20 & Colossians 1:28-29**

DISCIPLESHIP builds on DARE and helps you to not only make disciples but to mature them as well. As we like to say:

Everyone Discipled / Everyone Discipling

Discipleship is the relational, biblical and intentional process of helping someone both become a follower of Jesus Christ and mature as a follower of Jesus Christ. Discipleship is the process of growing in the four key relationships and the four crucial priorities.

- **WORSHIP** - Our Relationship to Jesus
A disciple is devoted to praise, repentance and prioritizing Jesus in everything
- **DISCOVERY** - Our Relationship to the Bible
A disciple is devoted to the Discovery Sequence of hearing, obeying and experiencing God's Word
- **COMMUNITY** - Our Relationship to Each Other
A disciple is devoted to a family of brothers and sisters in Christ
- **MISSION** - Our Relationship to Others
A disciple is devoted to joining Jesus in the mission of making disciples by living a **Prayer > Care > Share > Dare** lifestyle

Follow The Way is a discovery discipleship curriculum for groups of 3 or 4. It will help you both make and mature disciples.

KEEPING IT GOING AND GROWING

This **Gathering Guide** will help you continue to practice Worship, Discovery, Community and Mission in your gatherings.

FINALLY ...

BE THE WAY is available for free online with printable PDF files ([Online Version](#)) and for a \$1 on Kindle ([Kindle Version](#)).

FOR THE FACILITATOR is a guide for those facilitating the gatherings.

And **MEAL AND THE MEAL** will help you share a meal and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

GATHERING GUIDE

You are encouraged to share a meal and The Meal together.

Worship

What can you/we praise or thank God for?

What do you/we need to repent of?

Discovery

Check In

How did your "I will ..." statement from last week go?

How did your sharing goal from last week go?

Dig In

Read a Bible passage.

Have someone retell the passage in their own words.

What stands out to you in this passage?

What does this passage say about God (The Father, His Son Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit)?

What does this passage say about people, including ourselves?

What does this passage say about the life God invites us to live?

Reflect On

What truth have you discovered from today's Bible passage(s) and conversation?

What would stop you from believing and obeying this truth?

Live Out

What is your "I will ..." statement for this week?

Who else needs to hear this truth? How could you share it with them?

Community

How has God been answering our prayer for you from last week?

How can we pray for you this week?

What is the Holy Spirit saying?

How can we stay connected this week?

Mission

How did you join Jesus in mission last week?

(How are you pursuing a **Prayer > Care > Share > Dare** lifestyle?)

How did you resist joining Jesus in mission last week?

How is Jesus leading you/us to join Him in mission this week?

How is the Lord leading us to use our financial giving?