



Learning Community

A journey that challenges individuals, leaders and congregations to shift focus from institutions to people, following the example of Jesus to make disciples who make disciples.

Learning Community concepts are shared in 6 one-day workshops:



Imitating Jesus - Shifting Culture: discover how to imitate Jesus in building a disciple-making culture. Be encouraged to ask new questions, like "What is God saying to me?" and "What am I going to do about it?" A practice 'Missional Community' evening is included.



Imitating Jesus - Planning for Change: go deeper in imitating Jesus through understanding Covenant relationship and Kingdom responsibility, evaluating where you are now, and setting goals for change. A practice 'Missional Community' evening is included.



Leadership in the Model of Jesus: this workshop is all about leadership, how Jesus did it, how to walk in character and competency, what your specific giftings are, and more. Focus will be on 5Q/APEST training from Ephesians 4. A practice 'Missional Community' evening is included.



Family on Mission Retreat: in this full-weekend retreat, delve into the concept of being a family on mission. Discover how Jesus radically redefined family, how he built family, and how you can be intentional about relational orbits. Stories, fellowship, and goal setting will also be part of this retreat.



Communities of Good News: explore the possibilities of mission! You will learn why we speak and live the Good News, how to find people of peace, and the key principles for missional community living, *plus* experience a practice 'Missional Community' evening for yourself!



Mission to Movement: be encouraged to lead the movement forward. Orient yourself on the road to pursuing Jesus into your neighbourhood through these last teachings and goal setting sessions.

The Process

The Learning Community's aim is to support and resource leaders on a journey of missional disciple making. It is based around 6 gatherings, which take place about every three months.

The gatherings include prayer, worship, and devotional times with practitioner input and coaching, as well as opportunities for everyone to connect, share experiences and learn from each other so these relationships can continue between gatherings. There is also on-going support and consultation from the Learning Community team.



Part 1: What Is?

Each participant or team does an analysis of the organization they are leading. They are encouraged to look at the strengths, weaknesses, and effectiveness of the current models they are using. It is an opportunity for leaders to take an honest look at their current progress (breakthroughs, battles, successes and struggles).



Part 2: What Could Be?

Participants are introduced to new concepts, principles and ways of thinking or working. We ask God to speak about aspects of our thinking and practice. Our model for processing these challenges is based on Jesus' statement in Mark 1:14-15. We suggest that the Kingdom of God moves forward through 'kairos' (time) events which require us to change the way we think (repent) and step out in faith (believe).



Part 3: What Will Be?

Based on the analysis and input from the previous two parts, each participant applies the new information to their own culture, model and missional context. Each individual or team makes a six-month plan with measurable and achievable objectives and confirms their 2-year faith goals. This plan will help improve your effectiveness in moving towards your God-given vision and the goals keep the big picture at the forefront.

"INNOVATE's Learning Community fueled my calling, passion, and skills for discipleship coaching. My teammates discovered a newfound identity as disciple-makers. Then our church community noticed the fruit God was forming in their lives! INNOVATE Network led us into the new and unsettling, yet inspiring territory of asking how Jesus actually made disciples."

Ryan Jantzi, Ministry Director, ONMB