

discipleship school FAQ

purpose & expectations

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL?

The Cedarcrest Discipleship School is an environment where you will be trained, stretched, and transformed through encountering Jesus. Throughout the year, you will be disciplined, learn how to make disciples, and learn how to live on mission wherever God has you—in this city, our nation, or across the world. You will discover the unique purpose and gifting God has put on your life to make a Kingdom impact.

The Discipleship School combines prayer, worship, teaching, and life-on-life discipleship that will help you not only see your God-given purpose, but also how to live it out. Discipleship transforms us for a lifetime, not just a moment.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME IN THE SCHOOL?

We believe God wants to use all our participation in the Discipleship School to not only transform you, but to also transform our city and the world through you.

This will be a process, but some of the basic expectations going into the school are that you/we are committed to growing in the following areas:

- Personal devotional life, including personal Bible reading, prayer, & worship
- Biblical character and integrity in everyday life
- Vulnerability
- Personal & relational wholeness
- Missional living
- Evangelism
- Disciple-making
- Servant leadership
- Biblical financial stewardship
- General alignment to the teachings of Jesus and the scriptures

As well as participating in the following:

- Able to consistently and fully attend class time
- Attend a LifeGroup

- Serve at a service on Sunday mornings
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- Participate in corporate prayer and fasts
- The end-of-class Mission Trip
- Other outside-of-class work (Bible reading, book reading, written assignments, etc.)

By signing up for the Discipleship School, you are giving us (staff & volunteer leaders) permission to help and challenge you in these areas. We are not expecting perfection out of anyone, but rather a desire to grow in each of the above listed areas. We are committed to your personal development in your relationship with Jesus as His disciple.

We will do weekly accountability and support to help you find growth in these areas. The school is designed to help participants live out a biblical lifestyle and fulfill the expectations listed above. As you continue your application process, prayerfully consider that you desire this level of commitment in this season.

general questions

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE SCHOOL?

A Fall Retreat will be held off-site in mid-August. Classes will begin on Monday, August 16, 2021 and go through May 2022.

WHAT DAYS/TIME OF THE WEEK DO YOU MEET?

The school will meet Monday nights at Cedarcrest Church from 6:30p-9:30p.

CAN I DO THE SCHOOL WITH CHILDREN?

Children cannot participate in the class, however, we don't want that to prevent parents from being involved. We will provide stipends for parents who need childcare at \$25/week per family. We will also provide a list of potential babysitters to help you find the best solution for your family.

CAN I DO THE SCHOOL FOR ONE SEMESTER?

No, the school is designed around a 10 month curriculum with a concluding mission trip. In order to get the most from this school, a year long commitment is required.

I'VE ONLY BEEN A CHRISTIAN FOR A SHORT TIME, CAN I STILL APPLY?

Yes! We highly encourage you to apply if you desire to grow in your relationship with God, deepen your walk with Jesus, and in your understanding of His calling on your life.

tuition & payment

WHAT IS THE COST OF THE DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL?

The upfront cost of the school is \$1,000 per person and \$1,700 for couples. Full tuition is due by the Fall Retreat (mid-August).

WHAT DOES MY TUITION PAY FOR?

Your tuition will cover the cost of books, supplies, etc. that are needed for all Monday night classes. This will NOT cover the cost of the end-of-year Mission Trip.

CAN I RAISE SUPPORT TO PAY FOR TUITION AND THE MISSION TRIP?

You are welcome to pay for the Discipleship School however you choose. If you raise support for tuition, those gifts will NOT be tax-deductible. Once you have been accepted into the school, we will send information on where to direct tuition payments.

CAN I WORK AND GO THROUGH THE DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL?

Yes! The school is designed for people working full-time outside of class.

ARE THERE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

No, we will not have scholarships available. However, we do not want finances to be the reason someone cannot participate. God miraculously comes through in situations such as these.

Think about some of these options when prayerfully considering the school:

- What can I give up for a season (coffee, etc.) to put toward the school?
- Can I take on an extra job to cover the cost?
- What can I give to someone else in need? Sounds counter-intuitive, but often, giving unlocks the financial breakthrough we need (**Malachi 3:8-10**).
- What can I sell to raise money?

- Are friends/family willing to sponsor me? (Gifts given for tuition are NOT tax deductible)

CAN I DO THE DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL WITH DEBT?

We highly encourage paying off major debt before entering the school, but debt does not disqualify you from participating in the school.

application process

HOW DO I APPLY?

Go to cedarcrestchurch.com/discipleshipschool/ to apply today!

WHEN IS APPLICATION DEADLINE?

Thursday, July 1

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED?

Someone from the Discipleship School team contact you within 48 hours of receiving your application to inform you that your application process has begun.

miscellaneous

IS IT IMPORTANT THAT I ATTEND CEDARCREST CHURCH IF I AM IN THE SCHOOL?

Yes, being a part of Cedarcrest and is a key piece of the discipleship training that you will receive.

DO YOU OFFER THE DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL ONLINE?

No, the school will only be in person. The in-person experience of hands-on training, coupled with groups, are most beneficial in person.

questions from parents

IS THE CEDARCREST DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL ACCREDITED?

No, the purpose of this school is for discipleship within the context of the local church. We encourage students to attend an accredited institution if they feel so inclined, but accreditation is not the goal of this Discipleship School.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO RAISE SUPPORT FOR TRIPS?

Students are given the opportunity to raise financial support for trip, but no one is required to. We encourage students to work diligently to pay as much as they can through their own means (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**).

However, throughout Scripture, we see a model of believers helping and supporting one another in sharing the Gospel. Jesus himself was supported financially at times in His ministry (**Luke 8:1-3**). The Apostle Paul worked at times to provide for his own needs on his missionary journeys (**Acts 20:33-35, 1 Thessalonians 2:9**). At other times, Paul was supported by others in order to carry out his work (**Philippians 4:10-20, Titus 3:13, 3 John 5-8**). We have seen there are oftentimes people who cannot physically take part in mission work and desire to help those who can, both financially and prayerfully. We have no reservations in extending the opportunity for others to give joyfully to the mission as long as it is done in a spirit of diligent work and faithful stewardship of what we have already been given.

WHY DO YOU GO OVERSEAS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?

We believe all Christians have the responsibility of sharing the Gospel, whether that is across the street or across the world. Jesus's call for all believers in **Matthew 28:18-20** says: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." At Cedarcrest, we strive to make Jesus's final command our starting point with our ministry.

We do a lot of work in America, as there are apparent needs all around us. But we also strive to share the Gospel among people groups who may have never had the chance to hear the Gospel (**Romans 10:13-15**).