

VantagePoint3's *The Journey*

So how is *The Journey* different from *The Emerging Journey*?

1. We have gone from four stages to **three stages** (now 22 sessions in length). Basically the process has been shortened by one month. We feel like this is going to strengthen the participants' learning experience. There was a lag that many participants were experiencing midway through stage 4 of *The Emerging Journey* as some of the learning shifted. We like this new schedule will also allow for flexibility throughout the year. October starts pose no problem. Some churches may try an occasional January start. And in general there is simply more room to take a week off if needed.
2. There has been **editing** done to *The Journey*, but same page numbering as *The Emerging Journey* remains in tact for stages 1 and 2. Stage 3 changes are more substantive.
3. **Stage 4 has been eliminated.** The *StrengthsFinder* session and the *Wrapping it Up* session have been revised and moved into Stage 3: Relational Foundations. The *Sabbath* session has been revised and integrated into our new process *A Way of Life*. The learning from the other three sessions will be found in *The Equipping Experience*.
4. **New sessions in Stage 3: Relational Foundations**
 - a. Nothing was subtracted from Stage 3, but two sessions were added.
 - b. **Session 4: *Serving Together*** – the Strengthsfinder session is very similar to what was previously in stage 4. Couple small improvements to the session.
 - c. **Session 8: *Wrapping it Up*** – We are excited about the changes to this last session of the process. Thumb your way through the session looking for *My Journey Response Paper* and *the crafting of blessings* for the group.
5. **Bible Reading has been given greater focus and integration** in the process.
 - a. Stage 1 – Luke 1-9 (previously the book of Esther) We wanted to start off with more familiar Bible reading that is focused on Jesus.
 - b. Stage 2 – One selected psalm for each session (previously the life of David). We are excited about 1) shorter, more focused Bible reading assignments and 2) the integration of some of these psalms into the session content.
 - c. Stage 3 – Luke 10-24 (previously the first half of Luke)
6. There is a ***Journey Assessment*** that participants will be invited to take online after the introductory session and before the last session of the process. See pages 10 of Stage 1 and 118 of Stage 3.