

The 2:10 Effect

IGNITING KINGDOM IMPACT

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

LET THE RIPPLE CONTINUE...

In August, 2016 Susan Reese closed her husband's untimely Celebration of Life service with these words, "Let the ripple continue. Let the name of Jesus live out."

Randy Reese's life work was the creation of the VantagePoint3 Pathway of processes...*The Journey*, *A Way of Life*, and *Walking with Others*. In this issue of The 2:10 Effect, we highlight a tsunami size ripple flowing out of long-time VantagePoint3 partner, Third Church, in Pella, Iowa.

Keith Korver reflects, "In about 2002 I was looking for the first formational piece in a developmental pathway for adults when I was introduced to Randy Reese." And the ripple of VP3 at Third Church began.

As only God could orchestrate, the first group going through *The Journey* at Third initiated the commissioned pastor process in the Reformed Church of America. Almost all of those first *Journey* participants are now second-career pastors leading churches planted from Third Church or involved in church ministry.



Keith Korver at Third Church, Pella, IA

And the ripple is still in the making. With his engaging enthusiasm, Keith reports, "I have 60 adults taking *The Journey* with me right now.

"GOD HELPS US UNCOVER PEOPLE LOOKING FOR MORE."

The Bridge Church in Ottumwa, Iowa is led by Pastor Marty Schmidt who was a part of that first *Journey* cohort in Pella. Together with Discipleship Pastor Craig Zuitoff, The Bridge launched their first *Journey* group this Fall with 22 participants.

"In our setting the need for leaders was outpacing spiritual depth. We want to build into our people," declares Craig. "God calls us to so much more."

New Life Church in Coralville, Iowa, is led by former mechanical engineer and motorcycle riding Pastor Paul Smith.

"Despite being told a lot when I was young that I should be a pastor, I didn't make that choice," reflects Paul. "So it was when I was in *The Journey* that I had a paradigm shift in how I spend my time. After our young kids would go to bed I would spend 2-3 hours on *Journey* homework and was able to pay attention to what God was up to in me. *The Journey* exercises really cemented my love for God's word. I had the opportunity for deeper conversations about life and faith—true deep dives."

Steve Heerema also was in an early *Journey* group with Keith Korver at Third Church. Steve, along with Director of Discipleship, Marcy Milburn were part of the core team planting Newton Church of The Way in Newton, Iowa.

"Discipleship and leadership development must have a framework and be rooted in God's word," confides Steve. "This is what I know and it's what I believe in."



Craig Zuitoff
The Bridge Church



Paul Smith
New Life Church

"You can't microwave spiritual formation. You just can't. It's a long process," shares Marcy. "We started The Way with VP3's *The Journey*. We wanted to create a mentoring culture from the very beginning."

And Steve affirms, "I think we sell people short on what they can do. And when we do that, we sell the Spirit short."

After five years consistently leading the VP3 Pathway of processes, "We notice depth, honesty and people finding their unique steps in serving and leadership. We uncover diversity and affirm it," reflects the ministry duo.

This year alone, among only these four churches, (and there are other churches planted by Third Church Pella) over 110 adults are experiencing an uncommon, faith-deepening and life-aligning pathway through the VantagePoint3 processes.

At VantagePoint3 we are thankful for Third Church, as well as all of the people God has aligned to partner with us. We pray for and believe in the ongoing ripple of Jesus expressed through the lives of men and women like you.



Marcy Milburn - Steve Heerema
Newton Church of the Way

A PATIENT WAY

Jesus never seems to be hurried or in a panic. For those of us who find ourselves frustrated over and over again by the slow pace of change in our lives and in our communities, we would do well to prayerfully study and reflect upon Jesus' way of apprenticing his followers. Our imaginations, which have been largely shaped by a cultural addiction to speed and control and technique, must be retrained by the Gospels' images of Jesus' patient way with others.

The Journey
Stage 3: Imitating Jesus' Way with Others



LET THE NAME OF JESUS LIVE OUT...

Someone recently said to me, "We always overestimate what we can do in a day, but we drastically underestimate what God can do in a decade." Seventeen years in as an organization, we have snapshots and stories, like this one from central Iowa, of the deepening and patient work that Jesus has been up to over time. We are deeply grateful to be a part of their Kingdom stories.

God wants his people to grow up and grow into maturity in Christ (Eph 4:1-16). It is to this end that we continue to (1) partner with Christian leaders who are looking for ways to more deeply develop adults and (2) develop and deliver this VP3 Pathway of processes for a variety of contexts (churches, marketplaces, seminaries, and home groups).



This fiscal year, 25-30% of our \$438,000 budget depends upon partners like you who believe deeply in VP3's lasting impact. As we approach the end of 2017 we would ask that you consider partnering with us financially. Whether through a year-end gift and/or joining our monthly financial team in 2018, help us help others discover more deeply who God is, who they are, and what God desires to do through them.

Thank you for joining with us on the journey.

grace and peace,

Rob

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