

Dive deep into the epic story that God is writing in all of our lives.


The Journey



A Way of Life



VANTAGEPOINT³
helping you discover




The best stories are unforgettable. Those unique few that tingle our spines, bring tears to our eyes, and often both. You and those around you are currently living amidst a profound story of eternal consequence. We are part of the enduring narrative of a Kingdom governed by the loving yet sovereign God of the Bible.

However, we are constantly distracted by our busy lives. It is this busyness that dictates the depth to which we interact with the characters in our stories. We live so superficially, treading in the shallow waters of borrowed convictions and a second hand faith rather than diving deep into the beautiful story that God is writing in and through all of our lives.

Something needs to change about how we get to know God, how we invest in others and how we do ministry.

“VP3’s The Journey provides a language, a context and a curriculum that helps us help our people explore the biggest questions of their faith.”

Alice Shirey - Pastor | Cedar Falls, Iowa

A background image showing two hands, one larger and one smaller, holding each other in a supportive grip. The hands are silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

At VantagePoint3, we believe that pastors and church leaders have a responsibility for the formation and release of passion-filled disciples who will do their part in serving and leading wherever God plants them. Yet we also know that these same pastors often feel alone as the weight of discipleship falls on their shoulders.

What if there were a solution that would relieve the pressure of developing a discipleship process for each individual church? What if there were a series of “processes” - journeys perhaps - that were designed to take each participant deeper into relationship with Jesus, while developing the strong roots of spiritual and leadership formation to better equip individuals to in turn lead others?

Through VP3’s biblically based curriculum, including **The Journey** and **A Way of Life**, VP3 uniquely integrates leadership development, discipleship, and spiritual formation in a holistic, community-based manner. We train facilitators from your own church who gather with a group of participants that embark on a slow and deep process exploring what it means to grow up into Christ (Eph 4:15), in order to live out those good works God has prepared to be our way of life (Eph 2:10). A Jesus way of life.

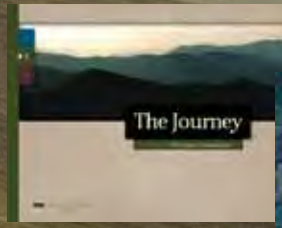
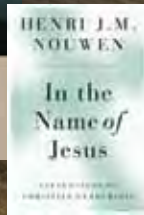
“We were looking for a process to disciple more mature believers and leadership caliber folks in our church. VP3 seemed to us the most fully developed material available for what we wanted to do.”

Jason Koleba - Pastor | Cochrane, AB

The Journey

is a six to eight month process that uniquely integrates leadership development, discipleship, and spiritual formation in a holistic, relationship-based style.

A facilitator-led discussion is the delivery method of **The Journey**. The role of the facilitator is not to be the “subject matter expert,” but to guide the group of eight to twelve people to a mutually beneficial destination. Each week’s material is much greater than you could discuss in a group, so you will prayerfully and skillfully decide how to set the stage, what to discuss and how to end your time together.



Stage 1: Biblical Foundations:

invites us into an exploration and appreciation of Scripture’s transforming role for a lifetime of growth and service.

Stage 2: Personal Foundations:

invites us to take inventory of our life story, recognizing God’s already present work along the way.

Stage 3: Relational Foundations:

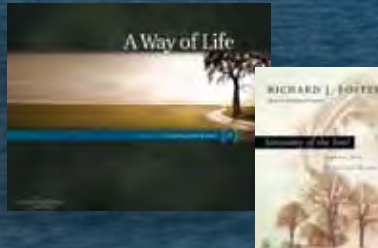
invites us to see the importance of relationships in our lives as a necessity in how we are formed into people of integrity, compassion and influence.

A Way of Life

God is up to something good. Picking up where *The Journey* leaves off, **A Way of Life** encourages greater attention to and alignment with God's gracious way in your life, your community and the world. Three overarching themes structure the learning: friendship with God, community with others, and mission on the way.

At its core, the six to eight month process of **A Way of Life** invites you into a set of reflections, practices, and relationships that will help you explore and sustain a way of life faithful to God's good work.

Structured in identical fashion as *The Journey* with VantagePoint3 staff training your people at a central location, **A Way of Life** is a resource that will help you invest in the ongoing formation of your people, as well as continue to enhance the conversations of learning in your setting.



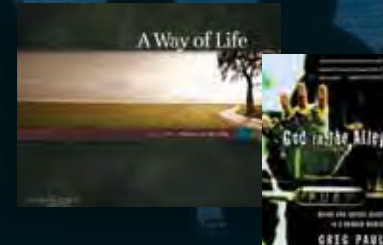
Stage 1: Friendship with God:
invites us to pay attention to a life of growing intimacy and communion with God.

ACCOMPANYING TEXT:
Sanctuary of the Soul by Richard Foster



Stage 2: Community with Others:
invites us to pay attention to a life of being with others as God's people.

ACCOMPANYING TEXT:
Forgiving As We've Been Forgiven by
L. Gregory Jones & Celestin Musekura



Stage 3: Mission on the Way:
invites us to pay attention to a life of being sent by God into the world.

ACCOMPANYING TEXT:
God in the Alley by Greg Paul

Facilitator Training Retreats

As part of the investment into each facilitator, the VP3 team invites you to join a regional Facilitator Training Retreat. During this three-day event, facilitators are trained by a VP3 representative to become familiar with the content from **The Journey** or **A Way of Life**, consider how to implement these processes in their setting, and explore their own ongoing formation as a leader.

The impact of the Facilitator Training Retreat reaches beyond the three days together as facilitators come together via an online format throughout the duration of **The Journey** or **A Way of Life** processes. Three purposes for the ongoing facilitator learning include:

- To help facilitators continue to pay attention to their own formation.
- To return to various content sections and learning processes associated with **The Journey** or **A Way of Life** processes.
- To encourage facilitators to think about their context and next step learning for participants.

Facilitator Training Retreats are designed to help you learn how to invest in the deepening and empowering of your people, while at the same time helping you pay attention to your own growth toward Christ-likeness.

Base Training Cost: \$465

Includes:

- In-Person and ongoing online training
- Facilitator guide resources
- Meals
- Non-refundable registration fee of \$100

Check out vantagepoint3.org
for training locations and dates!

Additional Material Cost:

Materials will be needed if a person has not gone through the respective process. These materials are in addition to the Base Training Cost.

- **The Journey:** \$235
- **A Way of Life:** \$225
- **Equipping Experience:** \$285

What now?

- Prayerfully consider what **The Journey** and its follow up **A Way of Life** means for your community.
- Who within your church or organization needs to be included in exploring the impact and implementation of these processes?
- Prepare yourself to facilitate **The Journey** and/or **A Way of Life** in your setting. Consider bringing two or three others with you to be trained and continue to enhance a culture of learning in your setting.
- Register yourself or other designated Facilitators for a Facilitator Training Retreat at www.vantagepoint3.org.
- Invite more people in your setting to go through **The Journey**.
- Invite those who have gone through *The Emerging Journey* or any other VP3 process to go through **A Way of Life**.

Other VP3 Processes:

The Equipping Experience: *The Equipping Experience* is an eight-month experience intended for those who desire to learn and enhance the skills associated with the work of leadership. It will build on the participants' discoveries from **The Journey** or **A Way of Life** by continuing to ask questions of intimacy with God, identify as God's loved children, and our unique Kingdom responsibility.

The Enriching Conversation: *The Enriching Conversation* is a six to eight month small group process, which invites participants to explore how to invest in the growth and development of others in their local settings. *The Enriching Conversation* builds on the learning from **A Way of Life** or *The Equipping Experience*.

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The Journey

The Journey integrates spiritual formation, adult learning and leadership development in a holistic, and relationship-based style. You will embark on a slow and deep process to explore three key questions:

- Who is God?
- Who am I?
- What does God want to do through me?

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- Friendship with God
- Community with others
- Mission on the way

VantagePoint3 cares about the deepening and empowering of adult believers in local settings. We provide transformative and in-depth processes that help you invest in the growth and maturing of your adults.

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