



Walking With Others

*Learning to guide others
toward a deeper maturity in Christ*

Description: *Walking with Others* is designed for those people who are concerned with helping others grow up into Christ (Ephesians 4:15). Participants will be challenged through a set of conversations, practices, and relationships, to take the next step in their development—learning to become developers of others, helping guide others toward a deeper maturity and faithfulness.

Prerequisites: *The Journey* and *A Way of Life*

Stage 1: A Place of Learning and Formation

The local church can be a vibrant place of learning and formation, a setting where we are all learning to become disciples of Jesus. How can we be a part of cultivating conditions for our community to become a place where men and women mature into persons of greater wisdom, integrity, compassion, giftedness, and service as apprentices of Jesus?

Session 1: An Invitation to Invest
Session 2: Paying Attention
Session 3: Challenges of Developing Mature Disciples
Session 4: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*
Session 5: The Church in God's Story
Session 6: Fostering A Learning Community
Session 7: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*

COMPANION TEXTS:

*A Long Obedience in the
Same Direction:
Discipleship in an Instant Society*
by Eugene Peterson

3-2-1: Following Jesus in Threes
by Soo-Inn Tan

Stage 2: A Lifelong Perspective

In walking with others we must learn to pay attention and discern the already present and shaping work of God's Spirit in their lives. Developing others in Jesus' name requires that we adopt a life long and holistic perspective on each person's maturity into Christ, learning to pay attention to developmental cues along the way.

Session 1: An Understanding of Adult Transformation
Session 2: Life Stages
Session 3: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*
Session 4: Life Transitions
Session 5: Life Rhythms
Session 6: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*
Session 7: A Day Retreat

COMPANION TEXT:

*The Land Between: Finding God
in Difficult Transitions*
by Jeff Manion

Stage 3: A Leadership of Companionship

The Christian life is a relational way of life that is caught as well as taught interpersonally, life-upon-life. Beyond simply telling people how to live, we can provide a mentoring attention and presence in our contexts that actually helps others discover more deeply who God is, who they are, and what God wants them to be up to in their community and in the world.

- Session 1: A More Relational Way of Life and Ministry
- Session 2: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*
- Session 3: A Deepening Work
- Session 4: A Hospitable Work
- Session 5: ▲ *Spiritual Friendship Triads*
- Session 6: A Particularizing Work
- Session 7: A Patient Work

COMPANION TEXT:

*Living into Community:
Cultivating Practices
That Sustain Us*
by Christine D. Pohl

Key Elements:

- ***Spiritual Friendship Triads*** ▲: These groups are designed for participants to regularly dialogue and pray for one another around living the three rhythms of being a Jesus' apprentice: friendship with God, community with others, mission on the way.
- ***Meditating upon Psalm 120–134*** (The Songs of Ascent). Eugene Peterson's *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* will be a companion piece for this.
- ***Peer facilitation*** of 50–75 percent of the sessions (individual or co-lead).



Walking with Others Facilitator Training

VantagePoint3 places a high value upon the preparation of those who facilitate our person-centered processes. In *Walking with Others* there are two options for facilitator training:

Option 1 (in person & online)

- Monday, August 3, 2015 1-Day Retreat in Sioux Falls, SD
The retreat is scheduled to be from 9:00 am–5:30 pm.
Facilitator retreats for The Journey and A Way of Life are scheduled August 4–5 in Sioux Falls.
- Monday, November 9, 2015 Online Meeting 7:00–9:00 pm Central Time
- Monday, February 1, 2016 Online Meeting 7:00–9:00 pm Central Time

OR

Option 2 (online only)

- Monday, August 31, 2015 Online Launch Retreat 7:00–9:00 pm Central Time
There will be pre-work associated with this online launch retreat.
- Monday, November 9, 2015 Online Meeting 7:00–9:00 pm Central Time
- Monday, February 1, 2016 Online Meeting 7:00–9:00 pm Central Time

Facilitator Training Package: \$275
Walking with Others Materials: \$225
Total Facilitator Cost \$500

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