For some time we at VantagePoint3 have sensed the Lord prompting us to stretch our imagination. And yours.

We have sensed that God is up to something good among developmentally minded Christian leaders who sense the Spirit nudging them to launch our processes in settings beyond the local church setting.

In this edition of the 2:10 Effect we share the stories of two facilitators who are casting a vision for us of what’s possible when our traditionally church-based processes are put into practice at home and in the marketplace. Our hope is that their stories will stretch your imagination for what God may be inviting us all to consider.

Wendy Delcourt, Kelowna, B.C., is a bright star in any room. Her love for Jesus and others wins you over quickly. In their late 20s, Wendy and her soul mate husband, Grant, had just been baptized and God had set a fire in both of them.

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“We had a bunch of energy for Jesus. We like templates and goals and were looking for a path to maximize our life with Christ. We had ‘paths’ in other areas of our lives, but not yet in our life of faith. And The Journey did that for us, and it does it for others,” describes Wendy.

“I have a trusting, beautiful relationship with a lot of people. It’s easy for me to invite adults to go deeper. I thought to myself, ‘I’ll just run a Journey group in my home,’” recalls Wendy. That was about 10 years ago and multiple groups ago.

“Our pastor is very thankful I do this,” declares Wendy. And she continues, painting a picture that inspires us, “There are friends here from several churches in the city and they are all going back and creating front line leadership and impact. It takes time. A slow, steady investment that cycles back to Kingdom service in the church and in the local community.”

“What I’m doing now, in my home, has a natural rhythm to it that’s better than what could happen in the church,” she emphasizes. “Home removes expectation. Home is safe, warm, and gentle. Meaningful conversations come easily.” Wendy has had co-ed groups meet in the evenings, but during her current stage of life, Thursday mornings work best.

“The corporate world excites me for this, too,” imagines Wendy. “Grant and I would love to host a group together through our connections in his financial world. We sense God aligning us for this now.”

Interestingly, while Wendy has been home-based in her applications of The Journey, Mick Conlin has been leading groups in the marketplace. Conlin has been inviting Sioux Falls businessmen around the luncheon table for almost five years. And though he would be too humble to speak of the life-changing impact the groups are having on every man involved, the steadfast involvement speaks for itself.
We are so grateful for the many of you who financially partnered with us in our 2017 year-end matching gift opportunity, intended to raise funds for a focused re-writing project of *The Journey* Stage 3. Your generous investment of over $55,000 exceeded all our expectations, doubling both our participation and financial goals for the initiative. Thank you.

We are now hard at work strengthening Stage 3: *Relational Foundations*, eager to share with you the newly redesigned process. Our hope and prayer is that these educational improvements to *The Journey* will even more effectively serve developmentally minded leaders like Wendy and Mick as they help other men and women discover more deeply who God is, who they are, and what God wants to do through them.

Thanks for joining with us on the journey. May the Spirit of the living God continue to lead us...

grace and peace,

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