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Understand more deeply that God is a developmental God and we are his developmental people.

God is up to something very good in this world, in our communities, and in our lives. And integral to God's work is the Spirit's transformation of women and men into a Jesus-like shape, into maturity.

J. Robert Clinton writes,

“God is a developmental God. He intends to develop each of his children over their lifetimes so that they become and achieve his purposes for them. None of us are finished products. We are all in process. The more we recognize and identify the processes in our own and others' lives the more we will participate with God in the development of self and others.”

Stage 1: A Place of Learning and Formation

Stage 2: A Lifelong Perspective

Stage 3: A Leadership of Companionship

Become a developer of others.

The process invites us to explore and embrace our responsibility to invest in others' lives. We will not all live out this responsibility in exactly the same manner. As we have been discovering throughout *The Journey* and *A Way of Life*, we each have a unique mix of experiences, gifts, talents, strengths, personality, education, history, and character that the Spirit has been graciously crafting into a shape fitting for the body's functioning and flourishing (Romans 8:3–12). God is profoundly concerned with the maturity of individuals and communities. How are we imitating this developmental quality of God's character?

Pay attention to our lifelong apprenticeship with Jesus.

We live and serve out of who we are. So we will continue to encourage an ongoing cultivation of a life of apprenticeship with Jesus. Intentionally paying attention to the three themes of friendship with God, community with others, and mission on the way nourishes and sustains us, matures us, and finally helps us to grow up into Christ (Ephesians 4:15).

Embrace our roles as change agents in our communities and in the world.

Participants will be invited to explore and embrace their role as a change agent in their community, a catalyst for helping others mature and grow up into Christ. We can make a profound difference by serving out of who we are. What are the ways participants are being invited by God to embrace their role as change agents in their spheres of influence?

WALKING WITH OTHERS

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STAGE ONE: A PLACE OF LEARNING AND FORMATION

- Session 1:** *An Invitation to Invest*
- Session 2:** *Paying Attention*
- Session 3:** *Challenges of Developing Mature Disciples*
- Session 4:** *Spiritual Friendship Triad*
- Session 5:** *Called To Be the Church*
- Session 6:** *Fostering A Learning Environment*
- Session 7:** *Spiritual Friendship Triad*



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STAGE TWO: A LIFELONG PERSPECTIVE

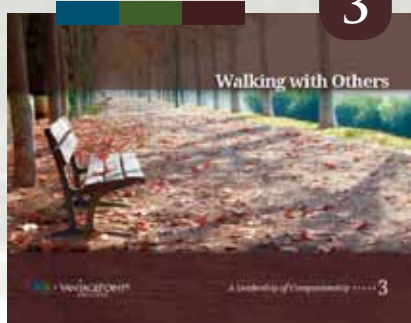
- Session 1:** *A Vision of Christian Maturity*
- Session 2:** *Life Story*
- Session 3:** *Spiritual Friendship Triad*
- Session 4:** *Life Rhythms*
- Session 5:** *Life Transitions*
- Session 6:** *Spiritual Friendship Triad*
- Session 7:** *Retreat*

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The Land Between: Finding God in Difficult Transitions
Jeff Manion
Grand Rapids MI: Zondervan, 2012

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STAGE THREE: A LEADERSHIP OF COMPANIONSHIP

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

Living into Community: Cultivating Practices That Sustain Us
Christine D. Pohl
Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2011

