Informational Gatherings

· Set 1-2 dates for info gatherings about 2-3 months before desired start date

· Prayerfully gather potential names of participants

· Personally invite them to the info gathering ("shoulder tapping approach," personal note.)

· Generally promote info gathering (announcements, etc.)

· Sample Agenda of an Info Gathering (25-60 min)

    1. Introductions (meeting leader goes first so others can think about response to d.):

        a. Name

        b. Hometown

        c. Family (siblings, spouse, kids)

        d. Where in your life do you sense a need to grow?

    2. Surface the need (how did we get here?)

        a. Tell your personal story that led you to bringing this meeting together, going back to when you encountered *The Journey*

    3. Overview of the process

        a. Documents available from VP3

    4. Testimonial

        a. Tell about some of the impact you have seen or personally experienced through this VP3 process.

        b. Interview former participants (Why did you go through *The Journey* or *A Way of Life* and how are you different because of it?)

    5. Review the process materials

        a. Have at least one set of materials to pass around

        b. Experience the material, if time allows (Where are you on the journey? exercise, The Journey Stage 1, pp 6-8. Way of Life, Stage 2, A Meditation on Love and Living in Community, pp 71-74.)

    6. Ask what they think – Discuss group formation

        a. Logistics (when, where, start date)

        b. Cost

        c. Q & A

    7. Our Hope/Prayer

        a. "Taking a meaningful walk with a group of people guided by three primary questions—Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me?"

    8. Collect information from participants (even if they are unsure or don't want to participate at this time). Could be used for future groups.

· Optional Tools to use:

    · Walk through the process' participant brochure (painting a picture of the process)

    · Promotional items in VP3's Facilitator's Toolbox (vantagepoint3.org/toolbox/)

    · Videos: *An Invitation to the Journey* video, participant videos, all found in the Facilitator's Toolbox.