

THE VP3 PATHWAY PROCESSES

Host an Informational Gathering

As you prepare for your informational gathering, begin by setting one or two dates approximately two to three months before your desired start date. Prayerfully consider and write down the names of potential participants, asking God to guide you toward those who may be ready for this season. Personally invite them to attend the informational gathering, using the [Invitation Sample Emails](#) as a guide. In addition to these personal invitations, share a general announcement about the gathering through appropriate channels (church announcements, email lists, social media, etc.) to extend the invitation more broadly.

For a *Journey* group, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with [The Journey Stage 1 Facilitator Guide](#) pages 3-10. This resource will help you answer questions and cast a vision for the process.

Sample Agenda Items for your Informational Gathering (25-60 min)

- **Introductions**

- Name
- Hometown
- Family (siblings, spouse, kids)
- Where in your life do you sense a need to grow?

- **Testimonial**

- Share the impact *The Journey, A Way of Life, and/or Walking with Others* has had on you.
- Interview and/or invite other participants to share. (This will likely be the most influential part of your Informational Gathering)
- Allow ample time here for questions and conversation.

- **Review the process materials**

- Have at least one set of materials to pass around
- Experience the material, if time allows read together from the process you are recruiting to:
 - *The Journey: An Attentive Life, Stage 1, An Invitation To Discover*, pp 10-11
 - *Way of Life Stage 2, A Meditation on Love and Living in Community*, pp 71-74
 - *Walking with Others Stage 1, An Invitation to Discover*, pp 3-4

- **Ask what they think**

- Logistics (when, where, start date)
- Cost
- Q & A

- **What we say about *The Journey*:**

- “May you come to discover more deeply who God is, who you are, and what God desires to do through you.”
- “Take a deep dive into your life in light of the stunning story of Jesus.”

- **What we say about *A Way of Life*:**

- “*A Way of Life* helps adults bring together their longing for purpose, their walk with Christ, and their everyday decisions.”
- “*A Way of Life* is a discipleship process designed to help adults discover how to live a life of love, rooted in Christ, for the sake of others.”

- **What we say about *Walking with Others*:**

- “*Walking with Others* is a discipleship process that helps adults discover how to come alongside others with spiritual attentiveness, relational wisdom, and grace-filled presence.”
- “By going through *Walking with Others*, your capacity to be a trusted companion on someone else’s journey of faith will grow.”
- “Reimagine the everyday ways they can lead, mentor, and disciple others—not by mastering a method, but by offering their presence and attention in Jesus’ name.”

- **Collect information**

- Even if individuals are unsure or do not wish to participate at this time, their information could be used for future groups.

Optional Resources to use:

- For *The Journey: 4 Ingredients for Deeply Formed Lives*
- For *A Way of Life: Finishing Well – What’s Next?*
- Other Leaders+ Recruiting resources:
 - Videos
 - Pathway Invitations

