



Questions and Answers

1. We are not a large church. Should we be expected to implement every component of the Discipleship Module?

Welcome to the club! Most of the churches in the North American Division are just like yours. Start with the easiest component. The Discipleship Module is not based on one-size-fits-all. The point is to maximize the potential of those in the church who are willing to serve. The ideal will be to make sure that your church is providing friendship, support, and teaching.

2. In the past some of the officers of our church have been slow to accept change. What can we do to encourage them?

People are down on what they are not up on. Be sure that those in leadership are included every step of the way. At the end of the day, the success of The Empowered Church will be to the glory of God and the credit to those who put their shoulders to the wheel.

3. With the other things happening in the church, how can we implement the Discipleship Module at the same time?

There is an old Chinese proverb that says that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. The Discipleship Module indeed requires some multitasking; however, putting it into full motion will take several months. Don't try and move faster than you are able to go.

4. What do you mean when you say that everything we do in the church is about discipleship?

Jesus commanded His disciples to do outreach and in-reach. We are to bring people to Jesus and then lead them in putting into practice what He has taught. The Holy Spirit will empower us to do His will. In other words, the gospel is a call to come to Jesus and then to follow Him. It must be remembered that Discipleship is more than a program; it is a way of life. The church needs to constantly be encouraging the spiritual growth of its members.

5. What can we do to interest the entire congregation in the importance of discipleship?

The importance of discipleship needs to continually be held up before the people. Every department should include the discipleship principle in what they are doing. The ultimate aim is that each member lives out the discipleship principles, not only in the church but in the home.

6. What is the role of the Outreach Leadership Team in the Discipleship Module?

The Outreach Leadership Team is responsible to coordinate the components of this module. They must be sensitive to the feelings as well as the responsibilities of each officer and departmental leader in the church. It must be remembered that working together is essential for the success of The Empowered Church, and goodwill is necessary to make this possible.