

What is Equip?

Equip is a discipleship training program for covenant members and prospective members of Imago Dei Church that allows the Elders to fulfill its P.E.A.C.E. Plan by equipping future leaders for roles that will take the gospel all over the world, as well as help us identify potential Aspire interns.

Equip is a two year program that will hold monthly training meetings on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:45am, and will meet in the months of August-November, and January –April, to correlate with school semesters. Childcare is provided upon request to our childcare coordinator at least a week in advance for children under 10 (jillian@idcraleigh.com).

Through this program, the church seeks to train any aspiring church planters, church planting teams, pastors, missionaries (anyone involved in Going), growth group leaders, or just anyone wanting further equipping.

As Imago Dei continues to grow numerically, we do not want to lose sight of continuing to train leaders. While many of our church's makeup receives training in school, or in growth group, Equip provides an avenue that gives more direct training (particularly in the areas of our PEACE plan and core values) while being in the context of the local church. Covenant members and prospective members are encouraged to join Equip for the benefit of being trained for current and future ministry.

Two-Year Curriculum

Equip will have a two-year curriculum that meets over four semesters, with four meetings in each semester. The content below maps out the program topics, which will cover The Gospel, The Church, Missions, and Ethics.

The typical meeting will consist of:

- Attendees coming prepared to discuss the content for that week (which usually includes a sermon and/or written piece, along with Scripture)
- An Elder Teaching through the topic
- Attendees breaking into smaller groups to reflect on the content and teaching
- A time of Q&A

Semester 1:

The Gospel – Gospel Appropriation

- Tim Keller, audio sermon: "[Preaching the Gospel](#)" (40 min.)
- John Piper, audio clip: "[The Morning I Heard the Voice of God](#)" (11 min.)
- **Scripture:** Galatians 2:11-14; 3:13

The Church – Church Membership

- 9Marks Conference B21 Panel: "[Is Church Membership Biblical?](#)" (10 min.)
- 9Marks Q&A, article: "[How can I lead my church toward meaningful membership?](#)"
- **Scripture:** Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4

Missions

- David Platt, video sermon: “[Divine Sovereignty: The Fuel of Death Defying Missions](#)” (62 min.)
- **Scripture:** Revelation 5

Ethics – Sexuality

- Content: TBD from ERLC National Conference
- **Scripture:** TBD

Semester 2:

The Gospel – Spiritual Formation w/ Human Relationships

- Alfred J. Poirier, article: “[The Cross and Criticism](#)” (5 pages)
- **Scripture:** Romans 3

The Church – The Nature and Purpose of the Kingdom of Christ

- Russell Moore, audio sermon: “[The Kingdom of Christ: The Kingdom and the Church](#)” (62 min.)
- Russell Moore, article: “[Jesus Didn’t Die for a Campus Ministry: The Spiritual Danger of Unchurched Spirituality](#)”
- **Scripture:** Ephesians 3

Missions – Evangelism

- Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, article: “[Everyday Evangelism](#)”
- Tim Chester, article: “[Show Hospitality & Share the Gospel](#)”
- **Scripture:** Luke 5 & 7

Ethics – Life

- Abortion and Life
- **Scripture:** TBD

Semester 3:

The Gospel

- D.A. Carson sermon “[What is the Gospel?](#)” (Video only)
- **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15

The Church – Community

- Steve Timmis, audio sermon: “[A Community-Centered Gospel](#)” (47 min.)
- **Scripture:** Colossians 1

Missions

- John Piper, audio lecture: “[How Few There Are Who Die So Hard: Suffering and Success in the Life of Adoniram Judson](#)” (71 min.)
- **Scripture:** John 12:20-26

Ethics – Topic TBD

- Content TBD
- Scripture TBD

Semester 4:**The Gospel – TBD**

- Goldsworthy, condensed version? – Not sure about what the content is for this
- Scripture?

The Church – Polity

- Mark Dever, reading: *A Display of God's Glory* – polity (book)
- **Scripture:** Acts 15

Missions – Church Planting

- Tim Keller, article: "[Why Plant Churches](#)" (6 pages)
- **Scripture:** Acts 13; Acts 16

Ethics – Topic TBD

- Content TBD
- Scripture TBD