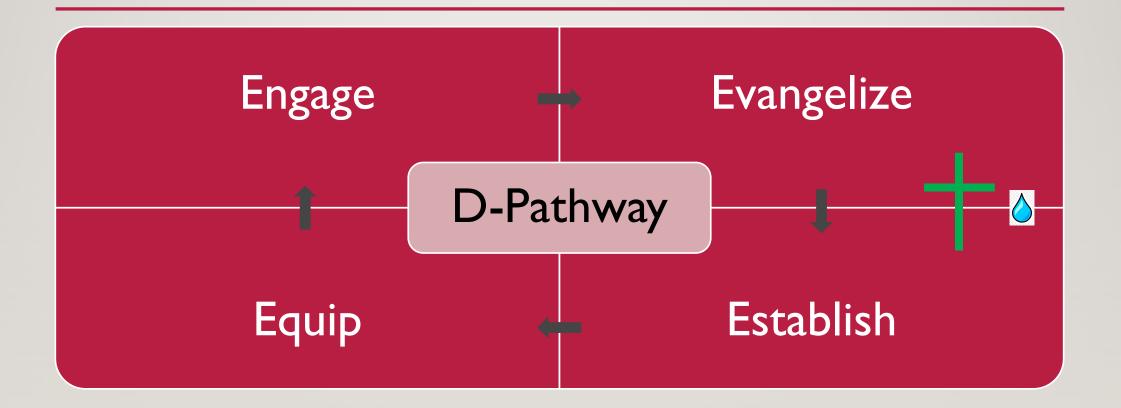
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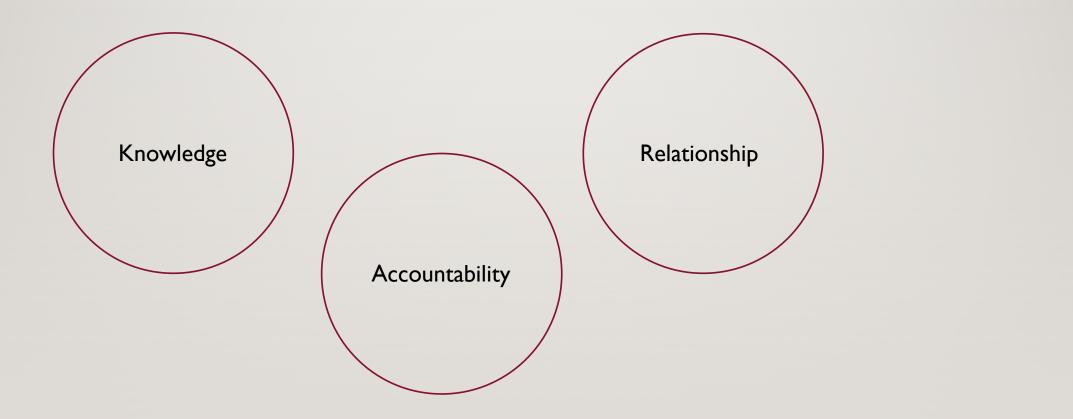
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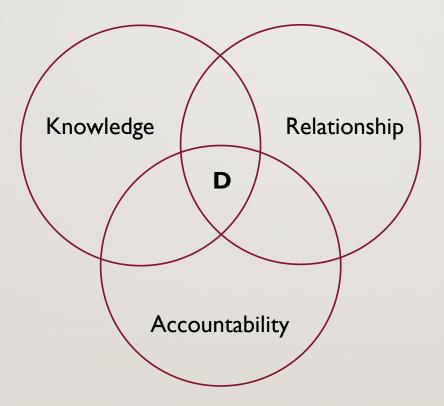
#### DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



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# HOW DO WE MAKE DISCIPLES?

- Did you have someone that invested in your personally as you have followed Jesus?
- Spiritual maturity requires personal investment. Disciples are not made from the "pulpit" alone.
- Small group ministry.
- Discipleship Groups (D-Groups)

#### WHAT IS A D-GROUP?

- A D-Group is an intentional discipleship group of one guide and 2-3 other people who study the Bible, build strong relationships, pray together, and hold each other accountable with the goal of spiritual maturity and multiplication.
- Agree to meet together weekly over 12-18 months.
- Agree to start their own D-Groups at the 6-9 month window.
- Agree to make the D-Group a priority in their lives.

## WHAT ABOUT SMALL GROUPS?

- We are not abandoning small group ministry!
- D-group is an expansion and additional option to small group ministry.
- Statistics reveal that people are looking for stronger relationships in a smaller setting.
- Friendships, accountability, and individual care are more difficult in larger groups.
- Relationships are more difficult to cultivate in groups larger than 10 people.
- In general, multiplication has not occurred in traditional small group ministries.

# HOW DO I MAKE DISCIPLES?

- The "Three Thirds" process.
- In the next sessions we will discuss the first, second, and third time slots of a D-Group session.
- Each D-Group session is 60-90 minutes divided into 3 sections (thirds).
- Bible knowledge, relationships, accountability.