

Discipleship Adult Education Class | Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the purpose of this course?

This course equips followers of Jesus to disciple others effectively, fostering a culture of discipleship in the church.

2. Who should take this course?

This course is for believers who want to disciple others. It is not designed for those seeking to be discipled. If you would like to be discipled, please contact the Discipleship Committee at discipleship@stonehillprinceton.org, and we will help pair you up with a mentor.

3. How long is the course?

The course runs for 8 weeks (not counting the off week on Easter Sunday) with weekly Adult Education sessions and outside assignments.

4. What is the format of the course?

The course includes:

- Weekly teaching and group discussions
- Assigned readings from three key books and some Bible passages
- Partner meetings outside of class (3–4 times during the course)

5. Is there a limit to how many people can participate? Why?

Yes, the course is capped at 24 participants. This number will help maintain more meaningful and in-depth interactions in class.

6. What is required of participants?

- Attend weekly sessions, except in cases of unexpected or unavoidable circumstances
- Complete assigned readings
- Meet with their partner outside of class
- Actively participate in discussions and activities

7. What if I miss a session?

Missing sessions is discouraged, but if you must, please communicate with the course leader and stay up to date with readings and assignments. If you have planned activities that will cause you to miss more than two classes, we recommend signing up for a future session instead.

8. Do I need prior discipleship experience?

No, participants of all experience levels are welcome, as long as you're a believer with a heart to help others grow in Christ.

9. How do I register for the course?

Attend an informational session via Zoom or review the FAQ materials, then complete a survey form to confirm your commitment.

10. Is course registration first-come, first-served?

Generally, yes. However, to create a balanced group with both men and women and ensure everyone can be paired up, we may need to adjust the number of participants, so it's possible that not all of the first 24 registrants will be accepted. We appreciate your understanding!

11. How are partners assigned?

We'll do our best to match partners based on factors like where you live, your experience level, and other considerations.

12. Do I need to purchase any materials?

No. The church will provide the 3 books to you before the beginning of the course.

13. Why is Stone Hill doing this?

We want to create a culture of discipleship at Stone Hill. A culture of discipleship in the local church is vital for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission, fostering spiritual growth, and building authentic, Christ-centered community.

14. How will this course help create a culture of discipleship at Stone Hill?

This course will train a group of mentors who will be equipped to mentor others and to train future mentors. It serves as a springboard, with the hope that, over time, the Holy Spirit will nurture a culture of discipleship at Stone Hill, where disciple-making becomes a natural and integral part of our DNA.

15. Why is the church requesting participants to sign up in advance?

Signing up in advance helps ensure that participants understand the commitment involved in the course. Additionally, the class size is limited, and preparations need to be made before the class begins.

16. I will be out of town and won't be able to attend all the sessions, should I still sign up?

If you have planned activities that will cause you to miss more than two classes, we recommend signing up for a future session instead.

17. How do you determine who gets in the class?

Generally, it is on a first-come, first-served basis, and participants must be believers in Jesus Christ and regular attendees of Stone Hill. Additionally, to create a balanced group with both men and women and ensure everyone can be paired up, we may need to adjust the number of participants, so it's possible that not all of the first 24 registrants will be accepted. We appreciate your understanding!

18. Can I practice with someone outside of class?

You are required to practice with the partner assigned to you for the course because it is important that both partners understand the assignments and avoid having one participant not have a partner. However, if you'd like to do additional practice with someone outside of class, you're welcome to do so.

19. How do I get the books?

The Discipleship Committee will notify you with pickup instructions.

20. Do I have to be a Christian?

Yes. In order to participate in this course, you must be a believer in Jesus Christ. If you are not a Christian, we encourage you to contact us to help you find a mentor. This mentor can study the Bible with you to help you learn more about Christ.

21. Do I have to be a Stone Hill congregant?

Yes. This course is intended for regular attendees of Stone Hill, as its purpose is to help foster a culture of discipleship within our local church.

22. What is the age requirement?

16 years old or older (or a junior in high school)

23. Who can I contact with questions?

For additional information, contact the Discipleship Committee at discipleship@stonehillprinceton.org.