

## **SESSION 3. PATHWAYS FOR EFFECTIVE ENFOLDING**

### **I. God's Value for Invitation and Inclusion – 1Cor.13**

Faith: Authentic confidence that God is drawing people to you to join.

Hope: Expectant that all that join will experience God's best.

Love: We want the best for each person and will serve that outcome.

### **II. Biblical Basis for Relational Membership – Rom.12:4-8, 9-16, Heb.10:24-25**

Celebrate Diversity – Welcome all kinds of people to follow Jesus with us. 4-8

Create an Inclusive Culture: Unify around the heart of Jesus. 9-16

Retain as many as possible: Leave the 99 and pursue the one. Heb.10:24-25

### **III. Cultivating a Culture of Hospitality – Think Family! - Hebrews 13:1-3**

Hosting: Everyone in your core and leadership is a primary host.

Connecting: Find a point of connection and then connect them to someone else

Follow up: Coffee and Cup: Make sure the personal is priority above the programmatic.

### **IV. Removing the Obstacles to Membership: Never a second chance to make a first impression.**

FACILITIES: Problems in parking, nursery, children's rooms, bathrooms, etc. will hurt you

MOTIVATIONS: Growth for its own sake will turn people off. Keep reinforcing faith, hope, love.

SERVICES: Times, Welcome, Worship, Transitions, Preaching, Ministry all matter.

PROGRAMS: Youth, Children, Small Groups, SSM, Outreach also all matter

PATHWAYS: Help visitors to map the journey into personal and destiny fulfillment.

### **V. Creating a Pathway to Membership – Keep is real and relational.**

Step 1: Visitors Reception – One hour, once a month lunch after service with pastor and leaders.

Step 2: Welcome Weekend – Once a quarter – Deeper connection with pastor and team

Step 3: Membership Class – Vision and Values: what does it mean to be a member here?

Step 4: Discipleship Class – Culture and Lifestyle: What does it mean to follow Jesus here?

Step 5: Partnership Class – Destiny and Ministry: How can you serve Jesus with us?