

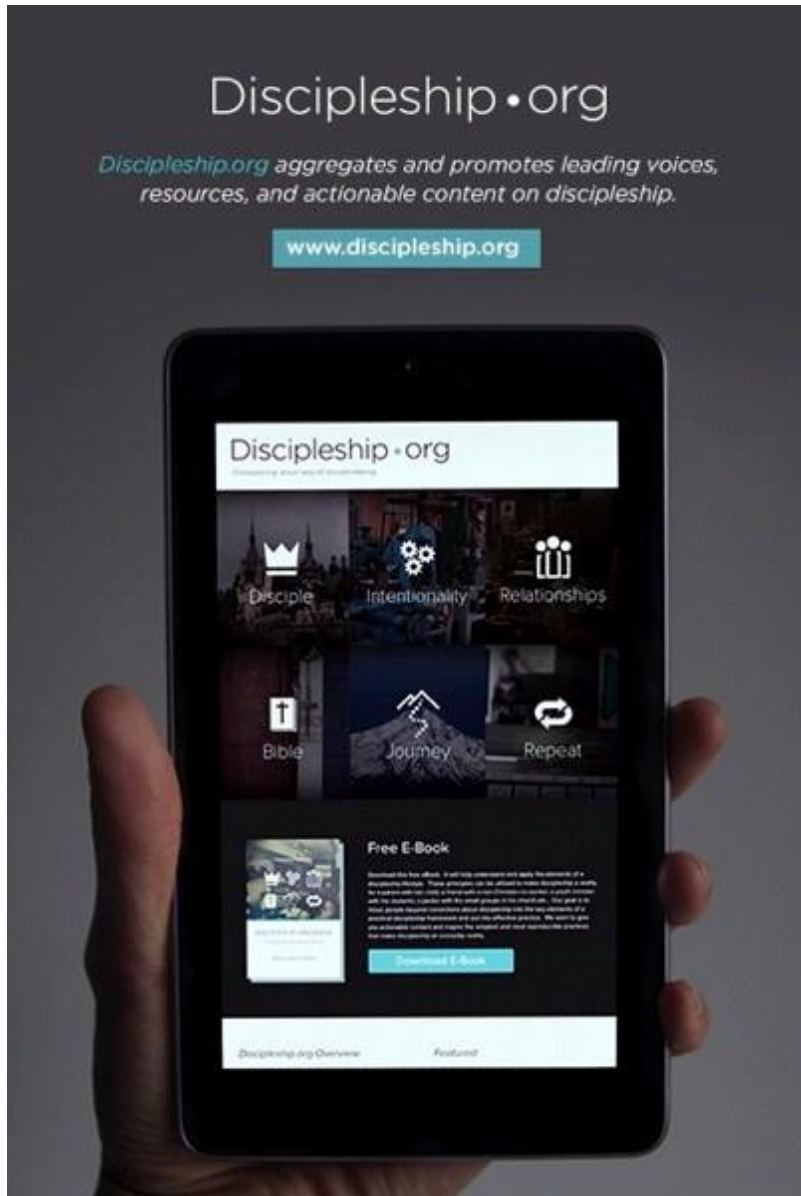


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Schedule

Monday

1:00 PM to 1:13 PM – Praise and Worship & Prayer and Introduction of Bill Hull


 Bill Hull on the centrality of **Jesus** and the Gospel - Introduction of Panel.

 Jim Putman – **Journey** (Ted Talk) and Forum Discussion.

Break.

 Robert Coleman – **Intentionality** (Ted Talk) and Forum Discussion.


Small Group Discussions

 Francis Chan – **Bible** (Ted Talk) and Forum Discussion.

5:45 PM to 6:00 PM – Praise, Prayer, and Close

Tuesday

8:00 AM – Praise and Worship

 Bill Hull on the centrality of Jesus and the Gospel



Jeff Vanderstelt – **Relationships** (Ted Talk) and Forum Discussion.

Small Group Discussions



11:20 to 11:30 - Next Steps and Close



Leaders and their Backgrounds

Praise and Worship - Frank Byers & Alan Garrett (Harpeth Community Church and Discipleship.org in Franklin/Nashville, TN)

Bill Hull (middle, back) – is known as the premier discipleship voice in the USA for the last 25 years. Bill founded T-Net, a discipleship training organization that has trained over 25,000 church leaders. His books (over 20) include the early titles *Jesus Christ Disciple Maker*, *The Disciple Making Pastor* and *The Disciple Making Church*. He believes that Jesus is the prime example of a disciple maker, and that discipleship should be the core of every pastor and church's work. Bill's recent writings have centered on personal transformation and how that forms the basis for change in both church and society - see *Choose The Life*, and *Christlike*, *The Complete Book of Discipleship*, and *Disciple (a Novel)*. Bill recently published, through Exponential (with Bobby Harrington), the book, *Evangelism or Discipleship: Can They Effectively Work Together?* Look for his important forthcoming book (by Zondervan), *A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*.

Jim Putman (Far left) – is known as one of the best leaders in the country at understanding how to apply Jesus' method of discipleship in the local church. He is the founder and senior pastor of Real Life Ministries in Post Falls, Idaho and one of the founders of the Relational Discipleship Network. Real Life Ministries began as a small discipleship group in 1998 and has grown to an attendance exceeding than six thousand. Ninety percent of its fellowship is active in small groups. Outreach Magazine continually lists Real Life Ministries among the top one hundred most influential churches in America. Jim's voice reaches hundreds of thousands across the nation through speaking conferences, the web, radio, and weekend services. He is the author of several books; *Church is a Team Sport*, *Real Life Discipleship Training Manual* (with Avery Willis and others), and *DiscipleShift* (with Bobby Harrington).

Francis Chan (second from right) – is known for speaking at major national and international events and conferences and he is the former teaching pastor of Cornerstone Community Church in Simi

Valley, CA, a church he and his wife started in 1994. He is currently focusing on discipleship relationships in San Francisco and recently joined the board of elders of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship in Mountain View, California. He is also the Founder and Chancellor of Eternity Bible College and author of the best-selling book, *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, which came out in 2009. He released his second book *Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* in August 2009. His other works include *Erasing Hell* in 2011, *Multiply: Disciples Making Disciples* in 2012. He also sits on the board of directors of Children's Hunger Fund and World Impact.

Jeff Vanderstelt (middle front) – is one of the country's most influential leaders in the missional movement. Few better communicate than Jeff the importance of discipleship. He is the Visionary Leader of the Soma Family of Churches, whose mission is to establish a family of churches around the world committed to "making disciples who make disciples to the glory of God." They believe that missional communities are the primary organizing structure of the church. Jeff has served on the board of the Acts 29 Network. Before helping pioneer Soma Church (Tacoma, Washington), Jeff served as the student ministries leader, under Bill Hybels at Willow Creek Community Church. He is a highly sought after speaker and he has three books which will soon be published.

Robert Coleman (second from left) – is the dean of disciple-makers in North America. He is known all over the world for his masterpiece on discipleship called, *The Master Plan of Evangelism* which was written 51 years ago. It has been translated into over 100 languages and has sold over 3.5 million copies. It was selected by *Christianity Today* as one of the 50 books that has shaped evangelicalism in the last half of the twentieth century. He has written at least 27 other books. He is a founding member of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization, serving as Chairman of the North American section for many years. For decades, Dr. Coleman helped in leadership roles with the Bill Graham Evangelistic association. A significant discipline of his life when teaching for 60 years has been to meet with a small group of students once a week, usually early in the morning, for Bible study and prayer. His wife, Marietta, shares ministry with him, making their home a haven for students.

KP Yohannan (far right) – is hard to describe because few - if any of us - have met men like him in our time. Born in India and at the age of 16, KP responded to the Lord's call to serve Him in North India. In 1974, he came to the United States, where he received his theological training and pastored a church for four years. He then established the Gospel for Asia and the Believers Church in Asia, with a focus in India. He has written over 200 books and has been crisscrossing the globe for the last 40 years, challenging the body of Christ to discipleship. His call to a radical lifestyle—with an all-out commitment to Jesus—has left its impact on nearly every continent. To the Church caught up by the tidal waves of compromise and self-preservation, Yohannan's life message is as fresh as today's podcast yet as timeless as the scriptural mandate itself.

Bobby Harrington (not pictured) - has the privilege of founding and directing Discipleship.org (with Exponential's Todd Wilson). He is the founding and lead pastor of Harpeth Church. He helped found the Relational Discipleship Network and previously served on Stadia's national leadership, training church planters and developing Stadia's church planting network system. He is the author (with Marcus Bigelow) of *Together: Network and Church Planting, Discipleship as the Core Mission of the Church (Exponential)*, *DiscipleShift* (with Jim Putman and Robert Coleman), *The Discipleship Handbook (with Josh Patrick)*, *Revisiting the Master Plan of Evangelism* (with Robert Coleman, Exponential), *Evangelism or Discipleship* (with Bill Hull, Exponential) and *Dedicated: Training*

Children to Trust and Follow Jesus (with Chad Harrington and Jason Houser, forthcoming from Zondervan in 2015). You can contact him at bobby@discipleship.org

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10 Discipleship Affirmations

We are a collaborative community of men and women committed to the discipleship lifestyle – being disciples of Jesus and making disciples of Jesus. We seek to move people convinced about discipleship into this framework and out into effective practice. Discipleship.org champions simple, reproducible practices that make discipleship a practical reality.

1. We believe **Jesus Christ** is central to life and the Bible – He is supreme and worthy of all devotion, worship, and emulation. We affirm the Nicene Creed and its statements about Jesus and the Trinity (Col. 1:15-20).
2. Our definition of **discipleship** (and disciple making) is – helping people to trust and follow Jesus (Matt. 28:18–20).
3. Our definition of a **disciple** is – a person who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus (Matt. 4:19). This is only possible by the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe **disciple making** is the core mission of the local church (Col.1: 28-29).
5. We believe the **Bible** is the authoritative, reliable and final guide for discipleship and life (2 Tim. 3:16-4:2).
6. We believe **Jesus’ method** of disciple making is the wisest and best method to follow today (Luke 6:40).
7. We believe our **love for one another** is both the foundation and the most important sign of true discipleship (John 13:34-35).
8. We believe **discipleship** includes serving the poor, striving for holiness and living with accountability in the local church (1 Cor. 5: 1-13).
9. We believe **true discipleship and love** compel us to join Jesus’ mission to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).
10. We believe our **obedience** to the Great Commission will result in the expansion of God’s Kingdom, the betterment of humanity and God’s exaltation and pleasure (Luke 19:11-27).

Next Steps

Most of our Forum speakers are a part of next step training programs that help make the discipleship lifestyle for individuals and churches a reality. See discipleship.org for next steps and links to the following ...

Bill Hull - **The Bonhoeffer Project** – a one year discipleship journey (in person and online). The idea is simple: eight to ten people would spend a year together studying, discussing, and doing discipleship. The Southern California meeting will begin in January (February for the online meeting) and meet ten times at a once a month pace in 2015 (taking some time off around Christmas and Easter). Participants will read, discuss, debate, plan, strategize, and do a bit of life together.

Jim Putman - **DiscipleShift** – is a two-day interactive relational experience that will allow your team to be challenged, transformed and aligned around discipleship. During this two day training, you will be experiencing, learning and applying a relational discipleship process. This will be an opportunity for you to rediscover Jesus' message of discipleship and to be involved in and experience His method of making disciples. We will also explore five key components of making and growing disciples of Jesus...that make disciples of Jesus.

Jeff Vanderstelt - **Further Training & Equipping with Soma** - Over the years they've developed several different learning tracks from Soma One Days in cities all over the country, to Soma Schools for a week in some of the church communities, to a summer Immerse experience, to a year or two residency. Through these various opportunities, you can study the biblical and theological foundations of Soma, reflect on the incarnational responses to the needs of our cities, and live with a community as a family as everyone learns to embody the gospel as a community.

KP Yohannan - **The School of Discipleship** - is a one year program. It is a life-changing year at Gospel for Asia's home office in Wills Point, Texas (near Dallas). As you study and grow in true discipleship, you will enable hundreds of national missionaries in bringing the Gospel of Christ to the unreached. In addition to an authentic discipleship program, you will have a ministry role in the Gospel for Asia USA office. You will live in community with believers whose passion is to love Christ and serve others. You will take challenging courses encouraging you to grow and mature in your love for others, learn from teachers who are serving full time in missions, and travel to the field for two weeks to see firsthand what God is doing in South Asia.

Robert Coleman - **Doctor of Ministry in Discipleship** - at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Dr. Coleman is planning to lead another cohort of doctor of ministry students with a focus on discipleship, starting in June of 2016.

Exponential Learning Community – Discipleship – this track is designed for leaders like you who are experiencing a holy discontent about the effectiveness and future of the church in the U.S. These communities are for leaders who are questioning whether we're really making authentic disciples sold

out to Jesus or just creating consumers of Christian goods and services. They're for leaders no longer interested and content in simply growing attendance.

See discipleship.org for more information

Small Group Questions

Monday – please bring up any questions that stood out from the forum topics (questions at bottom of each of the pages).

1. Please introduce yourself and tell about your background.
2. Describe the main motivation for your attendance at the forum.
3. What is your biggest discipleship challenge personally? Explain why?
4. What have you learned about Jesus and the Gospel that you **MUST** remind yourself about? Why?
5. What is your biggest take away from the forum so far? Why is it so big for you?
6. What are the biggest questions that have been raised for you?
7. What has been brought up in the forum so far that you want to discuss? Explain why?

Tuesday – please bring up any questions that stood out from the forum topics (questions at bottom of each of the pages).

1. What is your biggest take away from yesterday? Explain why?
2. What is your biggest take away from this morning? Explain why?
3. What have you learned about Jesus and the Gospel that you **MUST** remind yourself about? Why?
4. What is your biggest challenge when it comes to discipleship this morning? Explain why?
5. If you could do one thing differently coming out of this forum, what would it be and how would you know that you are doing it?
6. How can we pray for you?