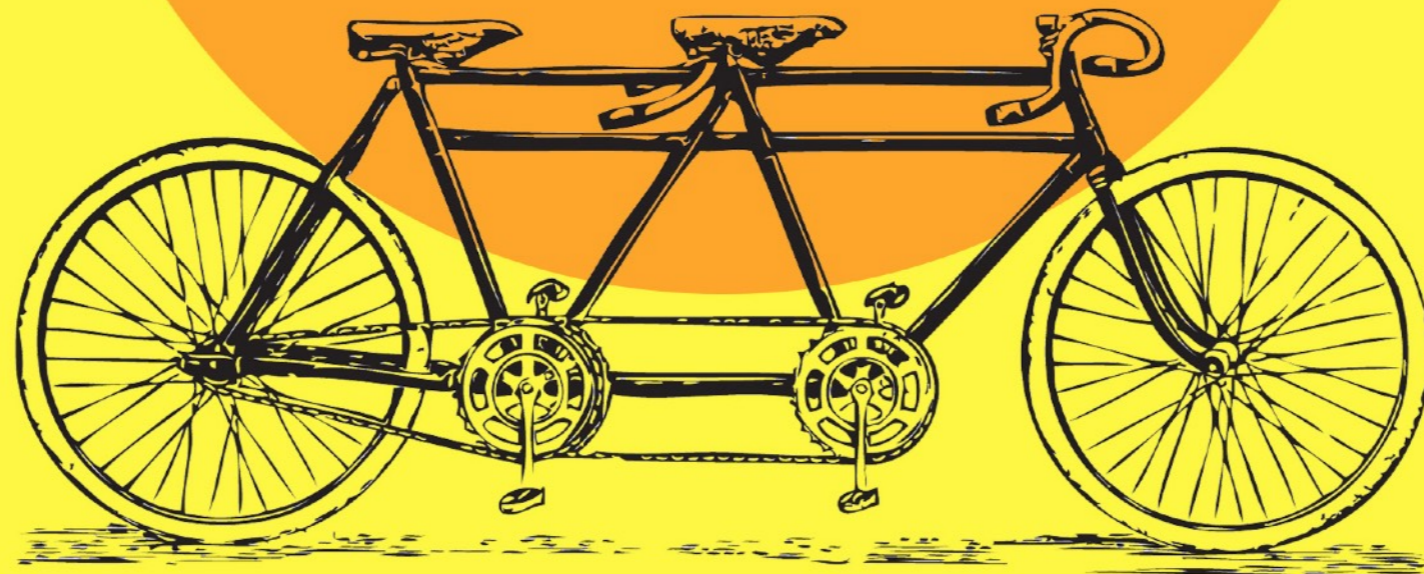


TSF Workday

October 7

9 AM-12 PM

BETTER
TOGETHER



- Things that are better together:



- Things that are better together:



- Things that are better together:



- Things that are better together:
 - **BUT NOT THIS:**



- Things that are better together:



- Things that are better together:



- **Who Am I?**

- In Christ, we are complete, full in Him, and because of that, I do not need to look for meaning, significance, or affirmation from anyone or anything else
- We get to live these radically free lives with one another, reaffirming our own identities rooted in the Lord, and that makes us better together.



- **What is my gift?**

- When we know our gifts, we are empowered to be better together.



- **How do I live better together?**



- **Figuring it out on our own**

- Popular Science published an article in June this year, and they gave a list of 8 things that you can learn (and arguably become proficient at) by watching Youtube.
 - You can learn to cook like a pro
 - You can learn how to build a computer
 - You can learn how to play an instrument
 - You can learn to fix up your home
 - You can learn to defend yourself
 - You can learn to draw and paint
 - You can learn to speak a foreign language
 - You can learn to snap better photos



- **Missing out**

- You would lose the ability to see them work in their element and the ability to ask them questions as they articulate their craft.
- You would lose the ability for them to observe you as you give it a try, and give constructive criticism on things that they see that might help you.



- **Life together for the purpose of living out the Gospel is essential**

- Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...



- **How do I live a life that is worthy of the Gospel?**



- **Spirit-filled discipleship**

- What is discipleship?
- Discipleship is making disciples
- What is a disciple?
- Someone who follows Jesus
- Someone who is seeking for their life to embody Philippians 1:27.



- **A Biblical framework for discipleship**

- Philippians 3:14-19

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained. 17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.



- **Paul's calling to discipleship**

- Do as I do
- He had a life worth imitating
- Discipleship requires proximity



- **How does this truth impact us?**

- In two basic ways:

You need to be a disciple and you need to be a disciple maker.

- **FIRST:** You need be be a disciple

- To be a disciple:

- Interact with real people studying their manner of life, and imitating the way they live.

- Give someone permission to speak authoritatively into our own life.



- How to be a disciple:
 - We must be FAT - Faithful, Available, and Teachable
 - Faithful:
Do make church and the gathering of believers a priority? (i.e. not skipping because you're tired)
 - Available:
Will you make the time needed to get around someone who would be willing to disciple you?
 - Teachable:
Do you really want to learn from someone else, and can you take constructive criticism? Will you implement the things that the disciple-maker suggests?



- **SECOND:** You need to be disciple-maker
 - This may be a little more difficult for us to step into fully and embrace.
 1. We know ourselves, and we are pretty familiar with our shortcomings.
 2. We don't want to sound arrogant or egotistical
 - How to be a disciple-maker
 - Invite someone into your life



- **The fruit of discipleship**

- God is with us—and in that presence, we have peace (Philippians 4:9)
- We begin to look more like Jesus (Romans 8:29)
- We start to truly live out the gospel commission of making more disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Our lives begin to bear fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- We find true community that is with us in the good times and bad (1 Corinthians 12:26)
- We get better...better at walking with the Lord and with one another
- We are better together!



- **What is at stake? The cost of living outside discipleship**

- Philippians 3:18-19

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- **Discipleship is of the utmost importance**

- Discipleship is of the utmost importance—and it is not a suggestion or a good idea
- You, Christian, are called to be a disciple and a disciple-maker
- You are not called to be simply a consumer—taking every lesson you can from the more mature believers around you, but you are to be a distributor—giving away every lesson you can to those trying to follow you

