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Wandering:

Volleyball

- Students were not interested in Jesus.
- Not interested in starting a group.
- Didn’t want to talk about deeper issues.
- The concentration was on Fun/Belonging.
- Fun is Spiritual
- Earn trust, and learn names and stories.
- Something we still do every Wednesday Night.
- Relationships and friendship is our currency. (John 1:14)
- Wandering through college.
- The result: From no community to receiving community.
Sojourning:
Serving/Dialogue

- Wanted them to ask questions bigger than themselves.
- Started using “We”… not “you guys.”
- Invited them to serve ALONGSIDE US.
- They became curious.
- Students experience the Gospel before they believe it.
- Lots of 1-1 meetings on why we do what we do.
- “We care because we think God cares.”
- They were sojourning.
- The result: From receiving community to being a part of the community.
Exploring:

Small Group

• Their curiosity of life turns into exploring questions of Jesus.
• Created small groups where it was ok to question/doubt faith.
• This is the stage to gently question their existing worldview.
• Good questions are better than answers.
• Try on Jesus with no expectations.
• Rich Young Ruler
• Comparing God’s Dream with their own.
• The result: From becoming a part of the community to building community.
Following:

Leadership

• They have decided to follow Jesus.
• They are very me-focused.
• Figuring out exchanging their dream for God’s Dream for the world.
• Extend grace for mistakes.
• Connect to other believers.
• Have them share their story.
• It’s a journey.
• Invite into leadership.
• Lower the bar.
• The result is from building community to extending community.
Guiding:

Leadership:

• Being a Christian isn’t the goal.
• Being a tour guide to the Kingdom.
• Creating Thin places
• Everyone can be the church if they have a grill and a neighbor.
• Give clear expectations.
• Follow-up with them.
• Students are better at this than us.
• The result: From extending community to reproducing community.
Yellow- Steps in Student Journey
Red- Characters of that step
Blue- Our responsibility
Green- The goal
Orange- The result

Multiplication
- Equip in order to release
- Give ownership away
- Give permission to fail
- Share God’s Dream
- Outward focused
- Equip in order to release
- Repliant on group
- Self focused Christian
- Demonstrate grace
- Identifies with Jesus
- “Tricks out” the Kingdom
- Invite to disciple others
- Challenge existing worldview
- Seeks answers

Incarnation
- Be intentional
- Looking to belong
- Promotes self
- Seeks fun
- Not satisfied w/ lack of answers
- Seeks community
- Creates safe space
- Ask good questions
- Ask about Jesus
- Gently Affirm
- Invited to experience God’s Dream

Conversation
- Build trust
- Learn their story
- Build curiosity
- Curious about life
- Create safe space
- Ask good questions

Invitation
- Build trust
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- Curious about life
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- Ask good questions

From extending community to reproducing community
From building community to extending community
From receiving community to becoming a part of the community
From no community to receiving community

Becoming a part of the community to building community
A few thoughts:

- It isn’t perfect.
- A holistic approach to discipleship.
- Goal isn’t to be a Christian… but to track movement.
- Easier to celebrate wins.
- Easier to train student leaders.
- Train staff to program better.
  - An event can only reach two steps effectively.
- Gives clear expectations.
- Self-evaluate how well your ministry reaches other steps.