

BECOMING WELL ROUNDED

IRPC seeks to help disciples of Christ grow in their faith and in their ability to express their love for Jesus with others. Below are ways IRPC works to accomplish these goals.

Gather Through Meaningful Relationships

Here are ways to gather and make meaningful relationships at IRPC:

- Sunday Worship is a special time to honor and praise our Lord with other persons of faith.
- Sunday Morning Fellowship between our services is a way to get to know others . . . while enjoying a cup of coffee and a pastry (or two).
- On Sunday morning, some take the opportunity to invite others to attend and continue the fellowship by taking them out for lunch.
- Sunday morning also includes Sunday School and other discipleship opportunities.
- Small Groups (of 10-12 persons) are a way of developing deeper, richer relationships while encouraging each other's faith through worship, fellowship, Bible studies, and prayer.
- Serving together (on an IRPC supported project or small group initiative) is another way to get to know each other.

Grow Through Intentional Discipleship

Here are ways to gain a better understanding of Scripture and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Personal Bible reading and studying, including time for reflection. IRPC provides devotionals and other study resources to help with personal growth.
- Bible studies, Sunday School, and small group studies are a way of gaining spiritual insight from others.
- Having a spiritual mentor or accountability partner can bring significant value to the application of biblical truths. They can encourage us during life's challenges and keep us focused on the application of God's promises in our daily lives.
- Putting into practice that which is learned adds to one's discipleship growth. Sharing one's love of Jesus with others, telling them what He has done for you is not only a response to His command to love others and make disciples, it is a way of internalizing His love for us.

Give In All Aspects of Life

Here are ways to grow in discipleship through giving.

- Take time to make a difference in someone's life. Join a team and consistently spend time on mission with other followers of Christ, or volunteer for a local ministry.
- Use the talents God has given you to encourage others. Discover how God has shaped you for his service and pursue opportunities to use them for the benefit of Christ's Kingdom.
- Spend that which God has blessed you for His furtherance of His Kingdom. Doing so is a statement of faith, that you trust God for His provision of all your needs. Such trust builds our relationship with Him.

Go In Everyday Life

Here are ways to put your love for Jesus into practice. Every day and every situation He has placed you in is an opportunity to share your love for Him and His love for others.

- Everyday, be an Ambassador for Christ including where you work, live, eat, play and go to school.
- Build relationships with others; doing so will give you opportunities to share God's love.
- Live sacrificially for others. Go out of your way to serve others at the point of their need. Doing so regularly will make service normative. Please will take notice and begin to ask "why" you do what you do and "why" you are different from others in the world. This is perfect time to share the love of Christ.
- Be an enthusiastic recruiter for Christ and His Church at IRPC. As people get to know you and your love for Jesus, it is an opportunity to invite them to hear more about IRPC and the opportunities there to GATHER-GROW-GIVE-GO to develop a relationship with the only true God and Savior, Jesus Christ.