



SURVEY ON DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY IN LOCAL PCA MINISTRIES Winter/Spring 2014

(Visit www.pcacep.org/discipleship-survey for an online version of this form.)

1. What are the avenues for discipleship in your congregation or ministry context? [Check all that apply]

- The sermon as part of the weekly worship service
- Sunday school (or an equivalent period on Sunday morning)
- Mixed gender small groups

When do these groups meet?

 - Sunday PM
 - Throughout the week

What day (if any) is most popular? _____

How many times per month do most of your small groups meet?

 - 4-5 times per month
 - 1 time per month
 - 3 times per month
 - every other month or quarterly
 - 2 times per month
- Gender specific small groups (men's/women's Bible studies)
- An intentional program of mentoring (i.e., a mature leader with an individual or small group)

2. In your congregation, how would you rate the effectiveness of the following avenues for discipleship in how they lead members to growth in sanctification? (Circle your rating.)

	minimally effective		adequately effective		very effective
Sermon	1	2	3	4	5
Sunday school	1	2	3	4	5
Mixed small groups	1	2	3	4	5
Gender-based groups	1	2	3	4	5
Mentoring	1	2	3	4	5

3. Over the last year, what discipleship resources (e.g., Bible studies, curriculum, small group materials, etc.) have you used in your congregation? [Check all that apply]

- Resources written by a leader in the congregation (pastor, elder, teacher).
- Resources written by a PCA author (e.g., Tim Keller, Ligon Duncan, etc.) obtained through the PCA Bookstore (pcabookstore.com OR cepbookstore.com)
- Resources written by a PCA author (e.g., Tim Keller, Ligon Duncan, etc.) obtained through a bookstore other than the PCA Bookstore. Name of bookstore _____.
- Resources from Great Commission Publications, which is jointly owned by the PCA and OPC.
- Resources written by a non-PCA author (e.g., John Piper, Andy Stanley, etc.)
- Resources from a popular bookstore (e.g., Lifeway, Family Bookstores)
- Resources obtained through a web search
- Resources obtained from Amazon.com

4. What titles/authors/sources do you find particularly helpful?

5. When you are looking for discipleship resources, what factors are important to you?

[Mark “+” if it is a factor that is important to you; mark “0” if the factor is not an important consideration. Please add a 1-2-3 next to the three factors that are most important to you]

NOTE: Assume the resource you are considering is biblically sound.

___ The resource is written explicitly from a Reformed theological perspective.

___ The resource is divided into chapters that can be used for weekly study.

How many chapters do you prefer? 4 6-8 12-13 other _____ it doesn't matter

___ The resource is written by someone I know or has credentials (e.g., seminary professor).

___ The resource is primarily exegetical (i.e., examines a book or portion of Scripture).

___ The resource is primarily topical.

___ The resource includes explanatory notes on the passage or topic (i.e., the author's study notes or commentary).

___ The resource includes discussion questions for each chapter.

How many questions do you prefer? 2-3 4-6 >6 other _____ it doesn't matter

___ Other: _____

6. How do you think the effectiveness of the ministry of CEP should be judged?

[Mark “+” if it is a factor that is important to you; mark “0” if the factor is not an important consideration. Please add a 1-2-3 next to the three factors that are most important to you]

___ The number of resources CEP publishes or produces.

___ The number of books/resources sold through the PCA Bookstore.

Do you use the PCA Bookstore? often sometimes rarely never

___ The number of PCA churches who provide financial support to CEP.

___ The number of visits/calls CEP staff members make to churches and presbyteries.

___ The number of conferences/seminars/training events CEP hosts or participates in.

___ The amount of time CEP staff members spend in coaching/counseling/advising PCA members on topics related to discipleship ministry.

___ The progress CEP makes in fulfilling the mandates/tasks given by General Assembly (Determined throughout the year by the CEP Permanent Committee and annually by the GA, particularly through the CEP Committee of Commissioners).

___ Other: _____

7. Do you have any ideas on how CEP can best serve your congregation?