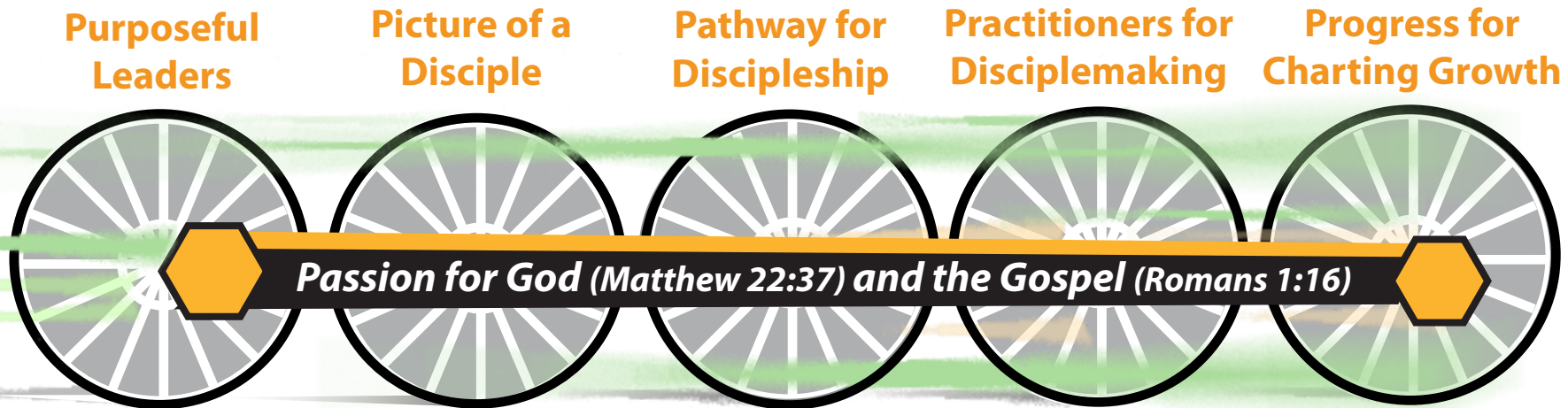


# Is Your Church Riding the Acts 6:7 Train?

*And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly. . . . Acts 6:7*

You've seen them in movies of the American west. Those smoke-belching, steam-driven locomotives. This simple image captures the dynamic of growing an intentional disciplemaking culture where disciples are multiplied. Churches that ride the Acts 6:7 train multiply disciples.

To ride the Acts 6:7 train, we need a drive shaft, the power source that moves us forward. This power comes from a **passion for God** and a **passion for the Gospel**. However, a drive shaft is not enough; wheels are needed for a culture to be built. The first wheel represents **purposeful leaders**, men and women who have an agreed upon vision, values, and mission for disciplemaking. Next is a New Testament **picture of a disciple**. The third wheel is a **pathway for disciplership**, a simple and practical plan to move growing believers to mature disciples. Our fourth wheel is the **practitioners**, the disciplemakers who provide the life-to-life ministry to the pathway. The last wheel is the wheel of **progress**. What "wins" of the Holy Spirit will we celebrate to mark our disciplemaking progress? Are you riding the 6:7 train? Take the Acts 6:7 Assesment to discover how.

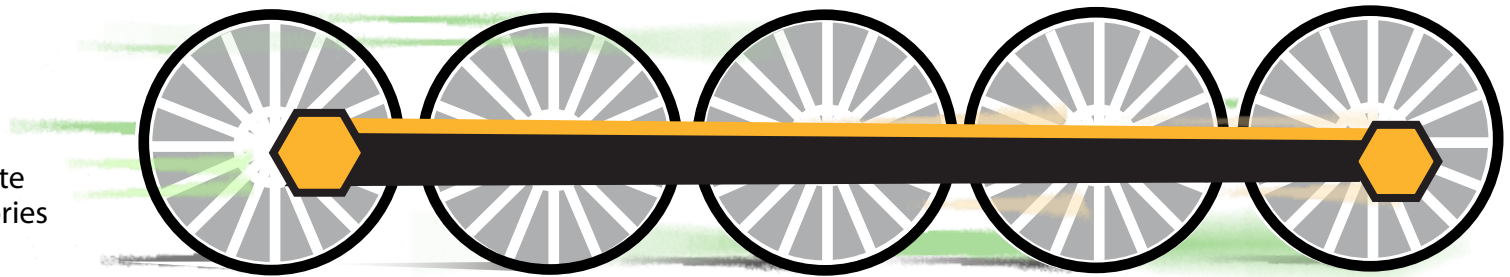


Purposeful Leaders	Picture of a Disciple	Pathway for Disciplership	Practitioners for Disciplemaking	Progress for Charting Growth
<p><b>Purposeful</b> <i>Ephesians 4:11-16</i></p> <p><b>Leaders have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision</li> <li>• Heart</li> <li>• Know-how</li> </ul>	<p><b>Picture</b> <i>Matthew 28:18-20</i></p> <p><b>Picture is:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible based</li> <li>• Specific</li> <li>• Integrated to church</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pathway</b> <i>Colossians 2:6-7</i></p> <p><b>Pathways move from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large group</li> <li>• Small group</li> <li>• One-to-one</li> </ul>	<p><b>Practitioners</b> <i>Matthew 9:36-38</i></p> <p><b>Alongsiders who have:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision</li> <li>• Intentionality</li> <li>• Means</li> </ul>	<p><b>Progress</b> <i>Acts 6:1, 7</i></p> <p><b>Celebrate wins:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase number of disciples</li> <li>• Multiplication of disciples</li> </ul>

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## Assessing Our Progress in Growing an Intentional Disciplemaking Culture

Rate each statement on a scale of 1 - 5. One indicates a low-level or nonexistent presence in your church. Five indicates a high commitment in your church. Total your scores for each column and note your total for all seven in the categories at the bottom.



Passion for God	Passion for the Gospel	Purposeful Leaders	Picture	Pathway	Practitioners	Progress
<input type="checkbox"/> People openly talk about loving God. <input type="checkbox"/> Many are practicing the spiritual disciplines for growth. <input type="checkbox"/> Our leaders model a love for God and practice the spiritual disciplines. <input type="checkbox"/> Our congregation looks for new ways to love God and walk by faith. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> We consistently provide basic training in evangelism. <input type="checkbox"/> Our people are actively making non-Christian friends. <input type="checkbox"/> We have a biblical and intentional evangelism strategy. <input type="checkbox"/> Our evangelism strategy is integrated into all our church ministries. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> We have a written vision and mission statement to make disciples. <input type="checkbox"/> We regularly communicate our vision for making disciples. <input type="checkbox"/> Our leadership models disciple-making. <input type="checkbox"/> The entire church is functioning around our vision to make disciples. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> We have a biblical picture of a disciple of Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> Most of our congregation knows this picture. <input type="checkbox"/> Our leadership preaches and practices what it means to be a disciple. <input type="checkbox"/> We have organized our ministries around our picture of discipleship. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> We have a clear biblical picture of the stages of growth. <input type="checkbox"/> We have a simple and intentional strategy for moving a new believer to discipleship and on to effective ministry. <input type="checkbox"/> We regularly communicate our pathway so that everyone can take steps to be involved. <input type="checkbox"/> Our small groups intentionally serve our vision of making disciples. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> We regularly provide disciple-making training to disciple others life-to-life. <input type="checkbox"/> We have a vision and plan to place disciplemakers in every aspect of our church ministry. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a trained core of people who are discipling others life-to-life. <input type="checkbox"/> We have a group of people trained in following up new converts. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Our leadership regularly reviews our disciplemaking progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Our wins help us set our goals and determine our priorities. <input type="checkbox"/> We have developed practical "wins" in reaching and discipling others. <input type="checkbox"/> We regularly celebrate our wins among our leadership and with our congregation. _____

1 - 40 A disciplemaking culture barely exists in our church.  
 41 - 80 We have signs of an emerging disciplemaking culture.

81 - 125 We are making progress in developing a disciplemaking culture.  
 126 - 140 We can celebrate a disciplemaking culture.