

STONY POINT CHURCH

FOUNDATIONS

But in the sight of God chosen and precious,
you yourselves *like living stones* are being
built up as a spiritual house. — 1 Peter 2:4-5



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What is Foundations?

Foundations is an opportunity for the Stony Point Church to help young adults establish a sustainable framework to follow Christ for the rest of their lives. This will be accomplished through the intentional structure of mentoring, training, and serving together in the context of community. We consider this to be one of the most significant ministries at SPC due to its focus on holistically developing young adults in the church who know how to integrate a robust life with Christ into their already busy lives by learning to value and prioritize the right things.

Who is Foundations Designed For?

Foundations is designed for anyone going through major life transition which is so common to young adults. Whether your transition is from college to career, graduate school to career, or you've been working for a few years but find yourself lost or stale in integrating your journey with Christ into all of life, Foundations is for you. Maybe you are already a mature Christ-follower who was involved in college ministry but are still trying to figure out what following Christ looks like in the context of the local church...Maybe your journey with Christ is just beginning--Foundations is for you. Our hope is to serve the existing Young Pro group within our church by supporting them with this holistic and committed discipleship program specifically contextualized for the people in our church community.

What are the aspects of this program?

While attending Stony Point Church, Foundation's participants will be involved in the following activities and relationships through the church.

Retreat

When starting a program like this, it is important to gain momentum and cast vision for what the next year will look like. That is why we start off the year with a one- day retreat focused on initiating and assimilating you into the lifestyle of the program. This retreat will take place Aug 26-28, 2022

Mentoring

One major key to personal growth and development in life is to pursue people in life who have "been there and done that" and thus have wisdom to share. We will get you connected to a mentor who will personally invest in and meet with you to just talk about life.

Training

As Christian believers, we ought to seek to be not only willing, but effectively trained for doing the work of Christ in the world around us. In Foundations, we hope to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Training times include:

September: Gospel and the means of Grace- Your place in the church

October: Studying Scripture Well

November: Importance of Prayer

December: Sharing your Faith

January: Giving: your heart, attitude, talents, and resources

February: Stewards of God's Resources

March: Work and Faith

April: Missions trip prep

May: Work of the Church and your place in it

Serving

Often, our lives can be consumed by intellectual assent and inward-focused and insulated living, but Christ intended for our lives to be outward-focused and

tangibly impactful to people in need around us. Therefore, we will be finding unique and consistent ways to serve others, both inside and outside the church. Opportunities for service may include volunteering with World Relief, Immigrant Hope, babysitting for Young Lives and tutoring.

Discipleship

While we believe discipleship to be comprised of all our life experiences as Christians, this program will include gender-specific groups that emulate Jesus' model of doing life with people. This will include things such as studying the Bible, confession of sin, counseling one another's hearts towards the Lord, and prayer. Part of our time together will be to study a curriculum. We will also read and discuss one book a month in our time together:

September: *Knowing God – chapters 1-3 (J.I. Packer)*

October: *From Fear to Freedom (Rose Marie Miller)*

Nov/Dec: *Do Something (Kevin DeYoung)*

January: *Boundaries (Henry Cloud, John Townsend)*

February: *From Brokenness to Community (Jean Vanier)*

March/April : *Heal Us, Emmanuel: A Call for Racial Reconciliation, Representation, and Unity in the Church*

May: *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*

Community

As is reflective of God's very nature himself, we are called to live and grow in the light of community with other people. Our aspect of biblical community is integrally interwoven with each of the other five aspects, however, will also include fun and low-key hang times as well!

Mission Trip

One of the biggest ways to expand our vision for how God is working in the rest of the world is to go on a short-term mission trip. Together, we will go to Honduras or St Louis in April or May.

What is the cost for Foundations?

Your Time

Because we believe that each of the aspects listed above play an important role in gaining the full picture of growing together as a community, we are asking for a conscious and serious commitment to your attendance and investment; ultimately, this program will be what you make it. We know that you are busy, but also believe this program is valuable and reasonable. We desire to follow Christ's call in Mark 8:34-36 which says "And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" We strongly believe that by spending this year investing in your spiritual health in this capacity will help you continue in following this call. On average, we are asking you to commit to giving 10-15 hours a week to this program through attendance, preparation, service and study.

Monetary

-\$100 per month for the length of the program (cover costs of events, food, materials and staff expenses) This can be paid monthly and should be thought of as practicing your tithe for the Church.

-\$1500 for a missions trip (This can be raised throughout the program and we will help you support raise)

What is the schedule for Foundations?

Late Aug. 22 to May 2023

August 26-28, 2022 – kick off retreat

Nov Thanksgiving Service day

Dec. Christmas Party

April Missions trip week or weekend

May Final Cookout

Activist list below.

Monthly

- Meeting with mentor 1x per month as planned with mentor
- Individual meeting with Foundations leadership 1x Per month
- Community Dinner and Discipleship group Every Sunday Evening
- Serving in church ministry weekly- commit to one/two ministries
- Training:3rd Saturday morning of each month
- SPC Worship services and SS: Committing to 3 out of 4 Sundays a month.

Foundations Application

We are excited that you are interested in being part of our Foundations. Before you fill out the application, please read through the Foundations information sheet and spend time praying and asking for God to give you wisdom as to whether this

is the program for you at this time. Once you have filled out the application, please email it to Frank Matthews (matthewsf1300@gmail.com) or 804-929-2975.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

1. Share a little bit of your testimony. Where you are with your journey with Christ? How did you become a Christian?

2. How have you seen God working in your life over the last 6 months?

3. How long have you been at SPC? What has your involvement up until this point looked like?

4. Share about your past experiences with church involvement and with any other ministries (high school, campus, etc..). Have you ever been involved in a formal small group/discipleship group setting?

5. What interests you most about being part of Foundations? -

6. What gives you the most hesitation about being part of Foundations?

7. As you think about committing to Foundations, what expectations and hopes do you have?

8. What is your current work situation? With Foundations, we are asking for a weekly commitment of 10-12 hours. Does your work schedule allow for such a commitment?

9. Have you connected with anyone at SPC who you would potentially like to have mentor you? (Not a requirement at all but if there is someone, we want to help foster that relationship for you).

Please provide us with 2-character references and there contact information
(Employer, professor, pastor, or a friend)

We will be following up with an in person time to get to know you better after we receive your written application.

Mentor & Discipleship Leader Descriptions

How do I know if I qualify to mentor someone or lead a discipleship group?

If you have been walking with God for the last several years and have a bit more life experience than your mentee or group members, then you qualify! Your life does not have to look perfectly put together to be able to pour into someone. In the context of Foundations, we desire to have mentors and discipleship leaders who are actively pursuing their relationship with Christ and are continually learning how to apply the gospel to their daily lives.

What are the expectations for mentors?

- Willingness to be open and vulnerable with your mentee
- Pray regularly for your mentee.
- Meet once a month with your mentee for 1.5-2 hours at a time that is most convenient for both of you.
- Before each meeting both the mentor and mentee will write a one page paper that is a reflection of their prayers and thoughts recently so that they have information to discuss when they meet.
- We can provide some structure for your time together if you need it, but we also want to give you the autonomy to exercise your wisdom for what is needed in the relationship. Time together could include aspects such as sharing your life stories with each other, praying together, reading, and discussing articles applicable to various life situations.

What are the expectations for discipleship leaders?

- Pray regularly for each member of your group
- Willingness to be open and vulnerable with your group
- Prepare for your weekly group meeting
- Meet with your group each Sunday night
- Come to periodic group gatherings