

A man and a child are hiking away from the camera on a dirt trail. The man is wearing a grey jacket and a tan backpack, and the child is wearing a dark jacket. They are walking towards a large, rocky mountain peak in the background. The trees are in autumn, with some yellow and orange leaves. The sky is overcast.

DISCIPLING THE **NEXT** GENERATION

LIFEGROUP SPRING KICKOFF

Deepen your roots in groups this Spring starting the second week of February! There are so many opportunities to find community year round, whether that's a Men's Group, Women's Group, MOPS, IF Table... the list goes on! But one staple of our groups ministry is LifeGroups—small groups of men and women who get together to find community and apply what they're learning on Sundays.

If you're interested in *joining* a LifeGroup this Spring, text "GROUPS" to 440.323.4644.

If you're interested in *leading* a LifeGroup this Spring, text "SERVE-AL" to 440.323.4644.

SUNDAY FOCUS



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST & SEMINAR | FEBRUARY 4 | 9:00 AM | AVON LAKE CAMPUS

Join us for a potluck breakfast and get together with other women from the Avon Lake Campus as Deb Torres teaches on God's beautiful and individualized purpose for your life. *Meet upstairs at the Avon Lake campus.*

Sign up at the coffee bar today!



ADULT MINISTRIES VALENTINES BREAKFAST | FEBRUARY 11 | 9:30 AM | GOLDEN CORRAL

Come and join your brothers and sisters in Christ to share fellowship and food this holiday!

Find more information at opendoor.tv/events, or email bob@opendoor.tv.



LP 204: STREET-SWEEPING APOLOGETICS | FEBRUARY 16 | ELYRIA, ROOM 203

Disciples of Jesus always need to be ready to give a reason (apologia) for the faith that they have. But all too often, believers don't have a reason, or are unable to provide that reason with love. How can we have conversations about the truth of the Gospel, and about the goodness and beauty of a Christian worldview, while still extending a winsome invitation to know Christ? In this eight-week course, we'll think about how we can win people rather than merely winning arguments as we dig deep into the truth, into the beauty, and into the goodness of the God that's revealed in the Bible.

Register now by texting "LPFOUR" to 440.323.4644, or visit opendoor.tv/events for more details!

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WELCOME TO OPEN DOOR AVON LAKE



We want you to feel welcome and to know God is doing unique and amazing work right here in the city of Avon Lake.

There are a lot of endeavors to which we can give our time and efforts, but we believe that none are as important as surrendering to Jesus Christ. We don't want our mission to just be a slogan on the wall. We want to be Leading People in the Adventure of Becoming like Christ and to love just like Jesus loved.

Thank you for joining us this Sunday. We pray that God will help guide and grow you in your next step in following Him.



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440.323.4644

TO CALL, TEXT, AND REGISTER FOR EVENTS

WHAT'S
NEXT

Take your NEXT STEP to
explore or grow in Christ!
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AVON LAKE CAMPUS | CALENDAR

Read more about events online at opendoor.tv/events

Upcoming Events

2023 Short-Term Missions Information Meeting: Today | 1:00 pm | Lorain Campus
DivorceCare: Starts January 30 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Room 20
GriefShare: Starts February 1 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Room 200
Avon Lake Women's Breakfast & Seminar: February 4 | 9:00 am | Avon Lake, Upstairs
LifeGroup Leader Spring Huddle: February 5 | 12:45 pm | RNC
MOPS & MomsNEXT: February 9 | 9:00-11:00 am | Elyria Campus
Adult Ministries Valentine's Day Breakfast: February 11 | 9:30-11:00 am | Elyria Golden Corral
LP 204: Street-Sweeping Apologetics: February 16 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Elyria, Room 203
Missions Conference 2023: February 24-25 | Vermilion Campus
True Girl Pajama Party: March 10 | 6:30 pm | Auditorium

Weekly Events

Worship: Sundays | 9:00 am | Auditorium
Open Door Kids: Sundays | 9:00 am | Infants-6th Grade
Open Door Students: Sundays | 9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Prayer: Tuesdays | 7:00 am | Cross Roads
Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm | Avon Lake Campus
Ladies Bible Study: Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm | Avon Lake Campus
Celebrate Recovery: Thursdays | 7:00 pm | Elyria Campus, PowerZone



Avon Lake Campus | 321 Lear Rd, Avon Lake | opendoor.tv
Campus Pastor Charlie Miller | charlie@opendoor.tv

**Discipling the Next Generation
 “The Five Stages of Parenting”
 Luke 2:40**

At the heart of both parenting and discipling is goal-oriented _____.

If the overall goal is to develop _____-centeredness, it will require:
 optimizing _____, prioritizing goals and utilizing _____.

1. _____ Trainer (0-1) Nurture them to _____.

Parenting goals: Helping kids feel _____ and secure; learn to trust.

Discipleship goal: To set a foundation to _____ God is love

Training skills: _____ observation, showing love and affection, meeting needs, engaging interaction, _____.

2. _____ Trainer (1-5) _____ them to obey.

Parenting goals: Helping them feel loved and learn to listen and _____.

Discipleship goal: _____ with the Story of God and His character.

Training skills: Attentive observation, showing love and affection, _____ instruction, positive reinforcement, loving _____, wisdom.

3. _____ Trainer (5-12) Encourage them to _____.

Parenting goals: Helping them feel loved; begin to learn to make _____ decisions.

Discipleship goals: Learn and _____ God’s character and that He has a purpose for their life. _____ their life to God. Praying and learning the Bible.

Training skills: Attentive observation, showing love and affection, teaching _____ and life skills, positive reinforcement, delegation, letting them _____, loving discipline, wisdom.

4. Supportive _____ (12-17) Gradually release them to _____.

Parenting goals: Helping them feel _____, keeping communication _____, choosing healthy friends, making wise decisions, pursue God’s _____ for their life.

Discipleship goals: Know their Bible; helping them _____ their faith in word and action, learn to _____ God during crisis and difficulty, grow in prayer, live a God-centered life; growing in Christlikeness.

Training skills: Attentive observation, showing love and affection, positive reinforcement, _____, letting them fail, loving discipline, _____, communication, wisdom, trusting God.

5. Caring _____ (18+) Help them to _____.

Parenting goals: Help them feel supported, be _____ to help them to discern.

Discipleship goals: To _____ themselves from the Bible and do it consistently; joyfully and confidently trust God during crisis and difficulty; live a God centered life; growing in Christlikeness; discipling _____.

Training skills: Letting go, showing love and affection, wisdom, _____ God.

