

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-L" to 440.323.4644.

## SUNDAY FOCUS



**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](https://opendoor.tv/events),  
or email [bob@opendoor.tv](mailto:bob@opendoor.tv).



**FD 106: EXPLORING OUR CONDITION AND HOPE | FEBRUARY 12 | POWER ZONE**  
"Our wisdom... consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves" (Calvin, Instit. 1.1.1). In theology, we often focus on knowing God. But if we are to ask the question "Who is God?" we must also ask the question "Who, or what is humankind?" If we are to celebrate the salvation we have as Christians, we must also wonder what it is we're being saved from. It's time to search the Scriptures concerning this second half of the equation: What is humankind, what went wrong in the world, and what is the hope we have in salvation? Come join in the discovery!

Register now by texting "FDSIX" to 440.323.4644,  
or visit [opendoor.tv/events](https://opendoor.tv/events) for more details!



**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.

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# WELCOME TO OPEN DOOR LORAIN



God is working in Lorain and I am so glad He has crossed your path today with ours. I'd love to meet you before or after the service to pray with you or answer any questions you may have.

Our mission is "Leading People in the Adventure of Becoming like Christ." I invite you to fill out a connection card so we can begin the adventure together and I can let you know what's going on here at our campus. My wife, Ginger, and I look forward to meeting you.

~ Pastor Jason

SAVE OUR PHONE NUMBER

**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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## LORAIN CAMPUS | CALENDAR

Read more about events online at [opendoor.tv/events](https://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 200

**GriefShare:** Starts February 1 | 6:30-8:00 pm | Room 200

**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

**FD 106:** February 12 | 9:00-10:30 am | PowerZone

**Family Advocacy Ministry Care Community Training:** February 12 | 1:15 pm | Lorain Campus

**LP 204: Street-Sweeping Apologetics:** Starts 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 & 11:00 am | Auditorium

**Open Door Kids:** Sundays | 11:00 am | Infants-6th Grade

**LC Prayer:**

Sundays at 8:30 am | Cross Roads

Tuesdays at 8:00-9:00 am | Broadway Mary's

**Men's Group:** Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00 pm | Cross Roads

**Awana:** Wednesdays | 6:00-7:30 pm | Lorain Campus

**Open Door Students:** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm | Lorain Campus

**Women's Bible Study:** Thursdays at 6:00 pm | PowerZone

**Celebrate Recovery:** Thursdays | 7:00 pm | Elyria Campus, PowerZone

**Autumn Aegis Weekly Visits:** Saturdays | Contact: Kim, [khalitzka@gmail.com](mailto:khalitzka@gmail.com)



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Campus Pastor Jason Russ | 440.678.8781

**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.

