

Search Ministries, Inc.

Serving seekers and believers in the Columbus community through a lifestyle of evangelism and discipleship.

According to Barna research, less than 5% of American Christians have ever led someone else into a relationship with Jesus Christ, and less than 3% are involved in discipleship. Moreover, 84% of Columbus is unchurched. Search seeks to train and equip believers to go outside the church to meet those who don't know Christ, build relationships, answer their questions, and help them come to know God in a personal way. Then, Search continues to disciple and equip these believers in their faith, so that they can know God more and to share him with others.

Jonathan and Stephanie are a great example of how we aim to do this. At the invitation of a believing couple, Jonathan and Stephanie attended our annual marriage-themed outreach. Jonathan had recently come to faith in Christ, but Stephanie was hesitant. After an evening of deserts, drinks, and discussion entitled *Growing Intimacy*, the couple agreed to join a seeker-friendly *Grow Your Marriage* study. There, with other couples, Jonathan and Stephanie learned more about the relevance of Christ to their marriage and their lives. Soon, Stephanie came to know Christ as well. Both Jonathan and Stephanie began studying the Bible with older believers for discipleship, and now both are growing deeper in their new faith.



Disciple-makers from churches all across Columbus practice their listening skills at a recent equipping workshop.

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Please pray for

- *God to raise up multiple generations of disciple-makers among lay men and women in Columbus.*
- *More churches and pastors to get involved in discipleship so they can be better equipped to pass on tools necessary for seeing more lives change.*
- *Wisdom and unity as we collaborate with churches and organizations in order to see more believers mobilized in evangelism and discipleship.*