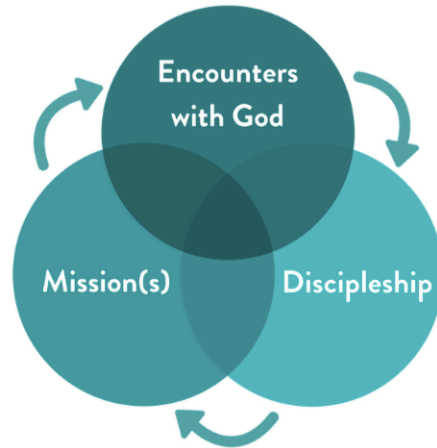


## Our Ministry Philosophy



Antioch’s ministry philosophy is defined by our three “core ministry values”: Encountering God, Life-on-Life Discipleship and Missions through the Local Church. The activities of each church should be centered around growing deeper and wider in these three values.

Encountering God references our value for helping individuals come face to face with Jesus. Whether this be through Sunday services, personal evangelism, prayer ministry or personal devotional times, we believe that this is what people truly need. They need to encounter Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Not just once, but over and over again. We are committed to bringing people into those kinds of encounters however we can. We look for ways to get ourselves out of the way and get people into God’s presence.

Discipleship means life-on-life relationships, where individuals help each other grow closer to God. This can happen one-on-one, like in a marriage, mentorship or friendship, or in community oriented groups like Lifegroups or groups of two and three. We believe that lasting transformation happens when we do it in intentional, encouraging, challenging and accountable community environments. We look for ways to make this happen.

Missions references our commitment to reach out to the world around us. Our community-centered approach means that families and friends who live together locally do mission together. Mission can be local, like doing local outreach or serving the community. Mission can also be global, and anything in between, which advances His Kingdom.

We use these three phrases because they are essential to what Antioch does. They all work together to accomplish the ministry we feel called to. Every church is using these all the time. Each church can always go another step deeper – leading their members into deeper encounters with God, maturity in discipleship and commitment to mission. Each church can also go wider, bringing more people into encounters with God, into discipleship relationships, and into a missional lifestyle.

How have each of these impacted you in your journey so far? Where have you seen this impact the lives of others? This philosophy is what makes Antioch unique. Study this philosophy and imagine how it will express itself through your church.