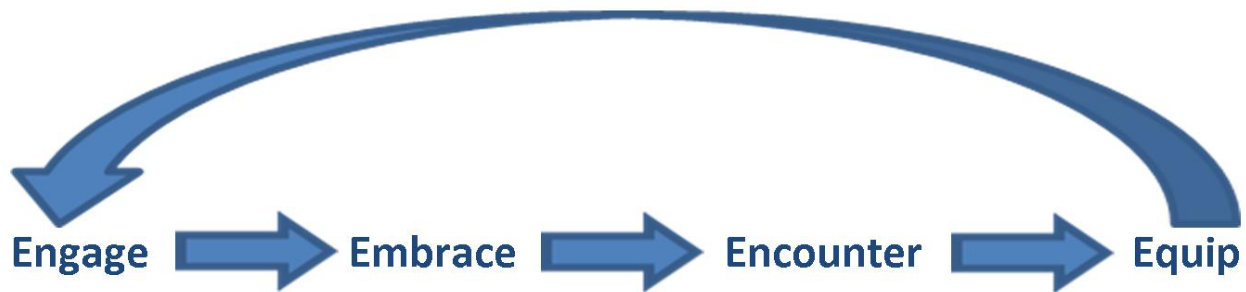


Discipleship Process at Grace Presbyterian Church



To **Engage** is to foster new relationships between an individual Christian and a non-Christian in the community. This is you showing Christ's love through the building of relationships. Here your friend experiences Christian love and charity and is perhaps challenged in their understanding of what it is to be a Christian.

To **Embrace** is to purposely bring a person with whom you have fostered a friendship into meaningful relationships with others in the church. Here the person experiences God's grace through Christian community and is "embraced" by multiple members of the church.

To **Encounter** is to bring a person into an encounter with Christ. This could be you sharing the gospel, or the individual hearing the gospel from someone else, or through some other forum like a small group study, *Christianity Explored*, or a worship service. Here the person hears the gospel and hopefully comes to faith in Christ.

To **Equip** is to bring the new follower of Christ into maturity in Christ. This is the process of becoming a disciple. And as one matures in faith, they begin to reach out in love to their neighbors and Engage them.

"As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." - Jesus