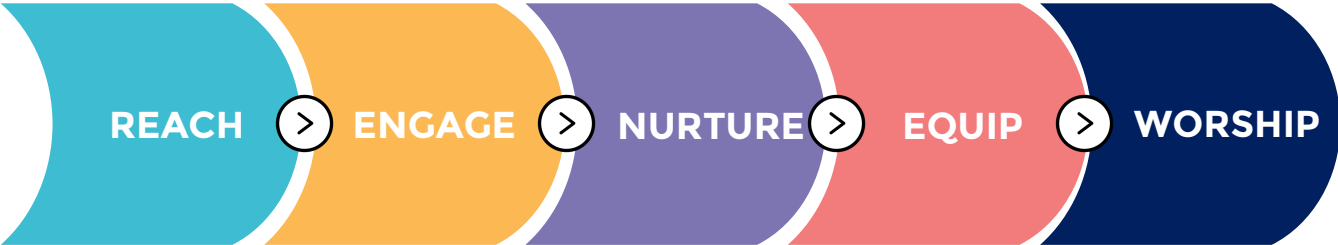


RECHARGE

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5 Studies on the
RENEW Discipleship Pathway



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Series Overview

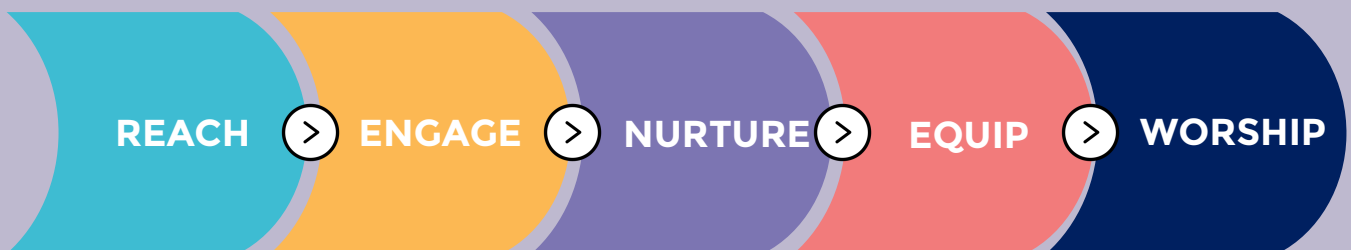
The mission that the Lord Jesus has given his people is expressed in a number of passages in the New Testament, including **Matthew 28:18–20**:

The Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This mission is given to all Jesus' disciples, including us today. At its heart is *making disciples of all nations*. But how are disciples of Jesus made?

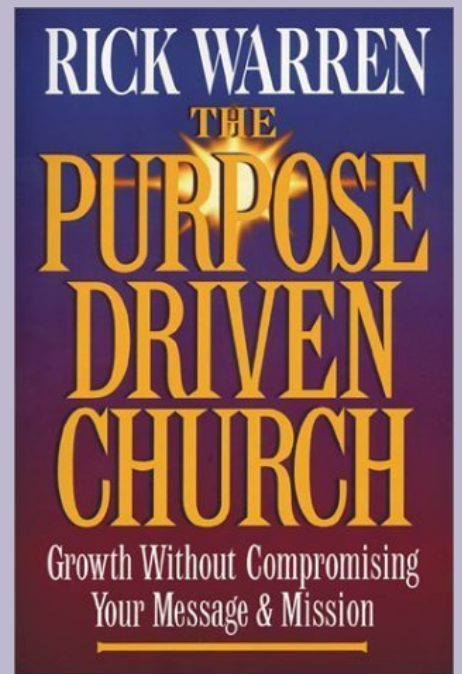
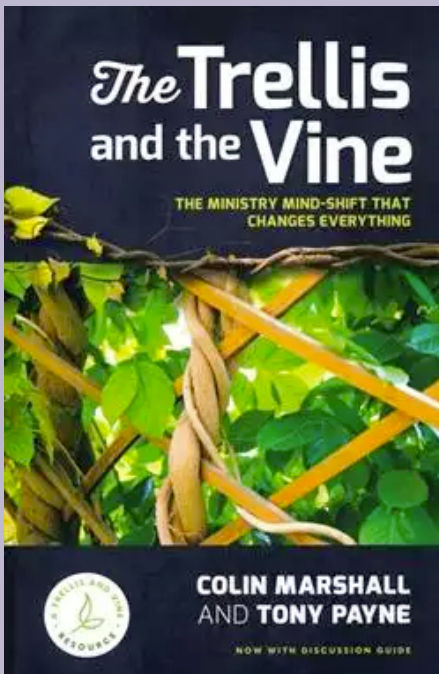
As a church we have tried to summarise what the New Testament teaches on making disciples into 5 steps, what we call our **R.E.N.E.W Discipleship Pathway**. This forms the basis of our mission strategy as a church.

The 5 steps are as follows:



As you listen to these sermons and work through these studies, our hope is that you will be recharged in your walk with Jesus and grow in boldness to keep walking the discipleship pathway yourself, and that you will encourage others to do the same.

Helpful Resources



The RENEW Pathway

Reach

We want to actively reach out to the different communities of Western Sydney, proclaiming the good news of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus Christ alone.

Engage

We seek to engage people in the life and community of our church through loving welcome, hospitality, and practical care.

Nurture

We seek to nurture each person in their knowledge and love of Jesus through a commitment to the prayerful proclamation of God's word, individually and in community.

Equip

We value every Christian in our church community being trained and equipped to joyfully use the gifts God has given them for the benefit of the church and the mission of Jesus.

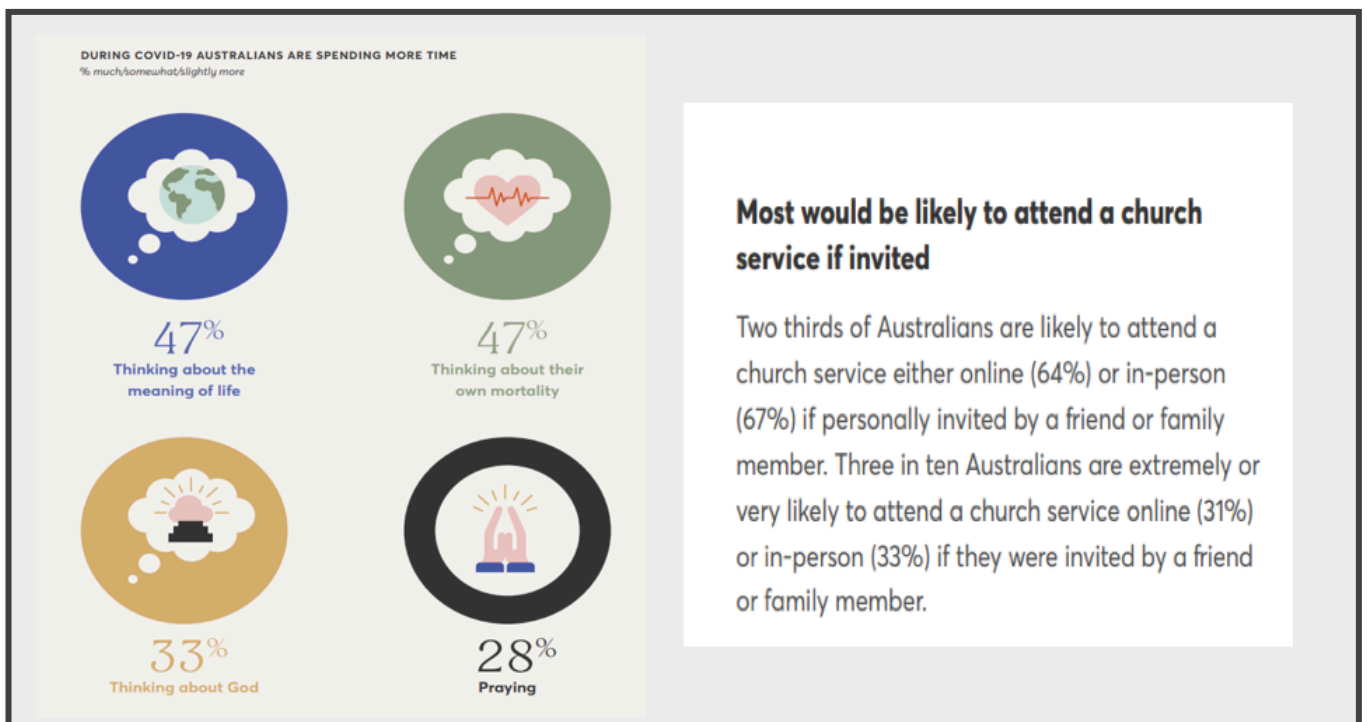
Worship

We want to be known as a church that honours Jesus, not just with our lips, but with our lives, so that Jesus is honoured wherever we are: at church, in our homes, and our places of work and leisure.

STUDY 1

REACH

1. How did you come to put your trust in Jesus Christ?
2. Who were the influencers in your early Christian discipleship?
3. How likely do you think it is for a friend or family member who doesn't believe in Jesus to attend church?



We want to reach out to the different communities in western Sydney, and beyond, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

READ 1 Timothy 2:4

4. What is our fundamental motive for reaching out to people with the good news of Jesus?

READ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

5. What is the good news according to the apostle Paul?

READ Colossians 4:2-6

6. Paul gives 4 tips in sharing. Why are each of these important?

Prayer

Acting Wisely

Gracious Speech

Salty Speech

READ Luke 10:25-37

7. Sharing our faith involves more than evangelism. What else are Jesus' disciples called to do?

REFLECT

8. What is the best thing about being a Christian for you?

9. What are some of the barriers you find in sharing your Christian faith with others?

10. 'In our church we are committed to relieving suffering in this world and even more so in the world to come.' Discuss.

RESPOND

11. Try and think of as many different ways we could do the following:

	Mission Local and Global	Mercy Local and Global
As a Church		
As a Discipleship Group		
As a Family		
As an Individual		

Think of 1 person in your life who doesn't yet know Jesus. Pray for them.

REMEMBER Romans 10:13
For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

STUDY 2

ENGAGE

1. What has been your experience of churches in the past?
2. What was your first impression of Minchinbury Anglican Church?



We seek to engage people in the life and community of our church through loving welcome, hospitality, and practical care.

READ Ephesians 2:17-20

3. What is the image used to describe the church?

4. How does seeing church as 'family' shape what we ought to expect at church?

5. Read the following 'one another' verses:

John 13:34-35

Romans 12:10

Ephesians 4:1-2

Colossians 3:12-17

Hebrews 10:24-25

What things do they add to your picture of how we are to live together as a church?

6. Does this change if there are unbelievers in our meetings? Why/Why Not?

REFLECT

7. How much do you feel that you 'belong' to the community at Minchinbury Anglican? What would have to change for you to feel more connected?

8. We encourage all our church members to attend at least one Sunday service and one mid-week group. Why do you think this might be important?

RESPOND

9. In what ways do you express loving welcome, hospitality and practical care to those in our church community and beyond? Use the table below.

	Welcome	Hospitality	Practical Care
As a Church			
As a D. Group			
As a Family			
As an Individual			

10. Is there more that you could be doing? How so?

REMEMBER Romans 12:10

Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. Outdo one another in showing honour.

STUDY 3

NURTURE

1. What does it mean to *know* someone? Discuss some ways you might get to know someone better.

2. What does it mean to *know God*?

READ John 17:1-5

3. What does Jesus say is central to knowing God and why is it important?

What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our allegiance. And what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?

J.I Packer

READ John 15:1-8

4. Who is Jesus and who are his disciples? What does Jesus want from his disciples?

- If our purpose as Jesus' disciples is to produce fruit, the next question is, *how can such fruit grow and be nurtured?*

READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17

5. What are the Scriptures able to do?

6. Who can learn the Scriptures?

REFLECT

7. If we really believed that the Bible was God's primary means of speaking to us clearly and effectively, what might change in our attitudes and actions?

8. Use the following table to list how you been nurtured in God's word recently. Have you seen any fruit?

	Nurture	Fruit
As a Church		
As a Discipleship Group		
As a Family		
As an Individual		

RESPOND

9. Is there more that you/we could be doing? How so?

10. We are committed as a church to having the Bible front and center in our ministry programs and in our homes. One of the challenges for us as individuals is knowing where to start. How might these 4 elements be helpful for you?

1. *Be realistic with it*

2. *Plan It*

3. *Vary It*

4. *Persevere in it*



REMEMBER Psalm 119:103

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

STUDY 4

EQUIP

1. In the church, what do you think is the role of:

The Pastor?

The People?

READ Ephesians 4:7–16

2. Where do these 'gifts' come from?

3. Why are these gifts given and for whom are they given?

4. What is necessary to achieve this purpose (v.16)?

5. Do you think all Christians have gifts?

READ 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

6. What is Paul describing by using the Body analogy?

7. Where do we fit into this analogy?

8. What two traps does this analogy warn us about?

REFLECT

9. It is sometimes said that 20% of people do 80% of the work in the church. Do you agree with this? Why do you think this might be the case? What can be done about it?



10. Think through the people in your group and write down what you think some of their gifts are. Use the table below.

Name	Gifts

RESPOND

11. How are you serving the Body of Christ at Minchinbury at the moment?

12. How would you like to serve the Body next year?

REMEMBER Ephesians 4:11-12
He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ.

STUDY 5

WORSHIP

1. What do you find most encouraging about going to church on a Sunday?
2. Why do you think going to church is important?



READ Revelation 7:9–17

3. What is happening in heaven *right now* and what *will* happen in heaven?
4. What images in these verses do you find most attractive and why?

READ Hebrews 12:22-24

5. Reading this with **Revelation 7** in mind, how does this elevate what is happening in our Sunday services?

READ Hebrews 10:25

6. What is another chief purpose of our coming together as a church?

READ Romans 12:1-2

7. What does this passage add to the idea of 'worship'?

REFLECT

8. What do you think is the relationship between the corporate worship of **Revelation 7** and **Hebrews 12** and the worship of **Romans 12**?

9. When a person says, 'I loved the *worship* today', what might they be referring to? What might you say in response?

10. What is your church attendance like at the moment? What makes getting to church weekly difficult?

RESPOND

11. Use the following table to list how you we can worship God.

	Worship
As a Church	
As a Discipleship Group	
As a Family	
As an Individual	

REMEMBER 1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for God's glory.

