

## **What is the philosophy of ministry?**

Discipleship is, and has been, an abused concept in the Body of Christ. The mere mention of the term can conjure images of militaristic authoritarian conformity to principles and codes of behavior. Abuse and pain normally occur at the point where life and relationship breakdown.

Where life and relationship are vibrant and maintained, it is amazing to see how the issue of life discipline ceases to be an “issue.” If someone knows they are loved, not lectured to, life transformation has a way of “taking care of itself,” in the Holy Spirit. Character transformation is no longer the dread result of striving and pressure to conform, but the fruit of having experienced Spirit-Life in community.

### **Quest endeavors:**

- To share life together, and from life, the mundane and the exceptional, its victories and defeats, joys and sorrows, crises, and conflicts, come to understand Christ and his Kingdom in a partnering and experiential way.
- To promote and instill basic Christian disciplines from a New Covenant, grace and truth perspective, avoiding rigorist legalism, performance based religion, and control.
- To limit class size. Relational intimacy, transparency, and community, simply are not possible in large lecture formats.
- To teach how to think and how to experience the kingdom rather than merely download facts and information.
- To encourage a dialogue, question and answer style of interaction that provokes and stimulates critical thought and kingdom life expression, in every facet of life.
- To close the schism in the Western world view of mind from heart. The issue is not necessarily how accurately one possesses information, but how aligned one lives; how to live out of a “Christ centered” sense of being. We can have our facts wrong and our life right. While the ideal would be to be correct in both, the latter is to be preferred if it must.
- To promote a holistic, “Spirit consciousness” of all facets of life, closing the spiritual secular divide.
- To experience Christ through the Holy Spirit in the context of community.
- To know the Scriptures accurately.
- To be Spirit empowered personally.
- To function together relationally.

## **What can a participant expect?**

Upon the completion of a *Quest* cycle, a participant can expect to experientially know God, know themselves, and know others in way and at a depth not previously possible. A *Quest* graduate will be able to function holistically in all areas of life: personal, church, and career (world environment). A *Quest* graduate should find him or herself favored in arenas of life, due to the work of God’s grace in them and flowing out of them, setting them “above” peers as a result of God’s favor. The responsibility of manifested favor is to serve others with the grace received, not assume a posture of elitism or superiority.

**Quest participants can expect:**

- Q&A dialogue with a life mentor rather than lecture hall format; an opportunity to learn how to learn rather than be taught what to believe.
- Regular laying on of hands; spiritual impartation.
- Personal counseling, deliverance, and development/discipleship in the faith.
- Regular personal prophetic ministry.
- A complete life profile: gift analysis, personality analysis, career/ministry analysis.
- Intimate download sessions and laying on of hands from guest ministers.
- Regular reading assignments.
- Regular life discipline assignments.
- Practical life exercises; “do it”.
- To be challenged by the Word and Spirit.
- To be cared for and encouraged by the Word and Spirit.
- To be corrected by the Word and Spirit.

**What does Wave/ESS expect of a Quest participant?**

- A genuine saving faith and personal relationship with Christ
- A nine month commitment of time.
- A temporary geographical relocation to where ever the mentor may reside.
- To be responsible for his or her own accommodations, finances, employment, etc. during the nine month commitment.
- Regular local church attendance at a church of the individual's choosing.
- Participation in Quest meetings and activities.
- An open mind and spirit; a readiness to learn and live; live and learn.
- Financial responsibility and faithfulness.
- Compliance with generic articles of faith and ethics. (Please refer to them)