

# The Master's Plan: A Disciple-Making Movement

MESSAGE NOTES—September 15, 2019

**“The Call” - Mark 1:14-20; John 1:35-51**

*John Mahaffey, Lead Pastor*

4) Engage

## Introduction:

- 1) How Did Jesus Get His Disciple-Making Movement Going?
- 2) What Do We Learn from the Call of the First Disciples that Helps Us to be a Disciple-Making Movement?

## 1. The Four “E’s” - How Jesus Got His Disciple-Making Movement Going

1) Explore

2) Experience

3) Equip

## 2. The Four Takeaways – What We Learn from the Call of the First Disciples

1) Jesus calls the “\_\_\_\_\_” and Uses Them

2) The Primary Means by Which Disciples Are Made is Through Personal \_\_\_\_\_

3) The Four “E’s” are a \_\_\_\_\_

4) Obeying Jesus’ Call Leads to an \_\_\_\_\_ Life



## WEBINAR: Sex Ed in Schools

Why be concerned? How to Respond

Tues. Oct. 1  
8-9 PM EST

WEBINAR  
SERIES FOR  
PARENTS

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"Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) is a highly controversial, "rights-based" approach to sex education that encompasses a great deal more than just teaching children and youth about human reproduction."



Co-hosted by:  
Mirtha Coronel  
Phil Lees SRAS (Founder, PEACE)

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**Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) is a highly controversial, "rights-based" approach to sex education** that encompasses a great deal more than just teaching children and youth about human reproduction.

The new Ontario sex ed curriculum is based on CSE, but the Ministry of Ed is allowing parents and students to opt-out of offensive content. Parents in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and even some USA have successfully used our materials to communicate with schools and be accommodated.

This seminar covers:

- Report on the new 2019 Ontario Curriculum
- What is Comprehensive Sex Education?
- Why CSE of concern/offensive?
- **Sexual Risk Avoidance/SRA** - a new abstinence approach that is gaining momentum
- Tools to effectively communicate the learning needs of your child and opt-out / be accommodated
- An **"Inclusive Design"** strategy to get SRA programming into schools
- Ensuring your child/youth gets accurate SRA instruction
- And Much More

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*All registrants will receive the*

*"Parent Support Guide for Sex Education"*

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## Update on Our Sponsored Family - Arrival!

We are happy to report that our second West Highland sponsored family from Iraq could arrive by the end of September!

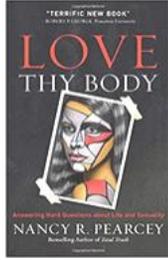
Regrettably, the two older children will not be coming as they were returned to Iraq by their father (the mom's ex-husband). The 16-year-old boy decided that he did not want to come to Canada and the father in turn, against all persuasions, decided that neither of the children would come. The Sponsorship Team and Asuda and family are very saddened by this turn of events. Mom has to add the children as "un-accompanying family" on the application and has a one-year opportunity, father permitting, to bring the girl to Canada. *Would you please join us in praying for this?*

Your Sponsorship Team is now planning for arrival of mom, dad and their four-year-old daughter. With this in mind, there are some **urgent needs**, such as a legal car-seat for a 4-year-old, and gift cards for cool-weather clothing and winter gear. We have established a home registry for our family through our website ([www.westhighland.org/registry](http://www.westhighland.org/registry)), where we have posted items needed for their home and many of you have indicated your willingness to provide items. Of course the needs have changed with this turn of events, so those who have offered to purchase items that are no longer needed, will be contacted.

If you are wanting to help in a more convenient and general way, the family would benefit from a variety of store gift cards, including Walmart, grocery, Home Depot, Canadian Tire, etc. Please **visit the Sponsorship Table** in the alcove of the foyer and speak with a member of the Sponsorship Team.

## Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions About Life and Sexuality

This class, sponsored by our church library, is a book study and discussion on "Love Thy Body" by Nancy Pearcey. Nancy Pearcey is a bestselling author and speaker and serves as professor of Apologetics at Houston Baptist University. Learn about transgenderism, homosexuality, abortion and euthanasia from a biblical worldview and discuss with other Christians as we read this book together. Cost of the book is \$15. *Please note, you will be committing to read around 30 pages per week as part of this class.*



### Facilitators:



**Andrew Smith**  
Elder



**Nadine Smith**  
Church Library Coordinator

## Sr High TREC (Grades 9-12)

- "How can you take the Bible literally?"
- "Doesn't the Bible condone slavery?"
- "Are we not better off without religion?"

There are questions that demand the utmost attention and action. There are questions that are confronting the world's largest religion: Christianity. If you are in high school and are curious about Christianity, come explore the questions that allude our discussions.

### Facilitator:



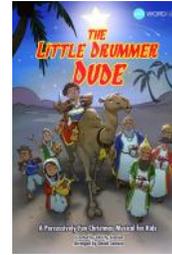
**Kevin Ricafort**  
Youth Pastor

## Jr High Connection Group (Grades 7 & 8)

Come hang out with other junior high students to get to know one another better and learn some cool life skills along the way. Facilitated by various junior high youth leaders.

## "The Little Drummer Dude" (Grade 1 & up)

We will be working toward a full-length musical for Christmas called "The Little Drummer Dude" which will include kids' choir and drama team. Bring your kids/grandkids on Sunday nights and choose to attend one of our adult TREC classes.



### Facilitator:



**Cheryl Brubacher**



**Childcare is provided up to Age 5.**

*Please indicate that you will require childcare at the time of sign up.*

# TREC

Training & Equipping Christ-Followers



**FALL 2019**  
Sundays at 6:00 P.M.



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## FALL 2019 TREC SEMESTER

**Sundays at 6:00 P.M.**  
**NEW SEMESTER begins September 15**

**Sign up today!**  
**[westhighland.org/trec](http://westhighland.org/trec)**

Please note: There will be **no TREC** on **October 13**.

### First Steps... at West Highland

This course is required for those considering baptism or church membership.

Designed for those who are exploring the *next steps* in their walk with Christ. You may be new to the Christian faith and have questions about the Bible, the biblical purpose of the Church, baptism and the Lord's Supper, or the specific God-given vision of West Highland. Or you may be further along in your walk with Christ and God has led you to West Highland as your new church home. We will cover the beliefs and distinctives of West Highland in this small group setting where discussion and questions are welcome.

#### Facilitators:



**John Mahaffey**  
*Lead Pastor*



**Vicki Jaster**  
*Director of Integration*



**Ed Brink**  
*Elder & Treasurer*



**Sue Montgomery**  
*Director of Prayer Counselling*

### Life is a Beach, Living Above the Sun: A Study in Ecclesiastes

"What does anyone gain from all their labours at which they toil under the sun?" This is the opening question of Qoheleth (Solomon?) in a series of lectures to his students. In other words, "What is life all about?" or better "What is life not all about?" His student calls him "wise," and says that "what he wrote was upright and true." So, we're in the world of a godly sage, not a carnal cynic. There's an upside to life. Yes, it can be a beach! So, let's listen one more time to the wisdom teachings that are like "goads" and "firmly embedded nails" given by the wisdom shepherd as he points us to life in the fear of the God who lives above the sun.

#### Facilitator:



**Dr. Dave Barker**  
*Professor of Biblical Studies at Heritage College & Seminary in Cambridge, Ontario*

### Reading the Psalms to Grow in Faith

The Psalms teach us how to experience our emotions in a Christian way. They show us the whole course of human affections as well as how to move from lament to hope, from turmoil to joy, and from despair to hope. They represent an ordered account of Israel's history through the medium of poetry. Through these Spiritual words, we gain insight into the person of Christ and the life of God. Transform your mind and heart while you grow in your knowledge of the living God.

#### Facilitator:



**Wyatt Graham**  
*Director of The Gospel Coalition Canada*

### The Way of the Alongsider (Introduction)

You might think that someone who makes disciples has to be a teacher, a missionary, or someone who is seminary trained. Would it surprise you to know that disciple-making is just a lifestyle in which you offer people love, comfort, and encouragement where they live, work, and play? Despite our weaknesses and fears, Jesus invites us to participate in the Great Commission by helping people live for Christ in the here and now. All you have to do is live intentionally, love God, and journey alongside others life to life. This course spells out the "how" of making disciples through an alongsider approach to life. Discover and apply the practices of an alongsider, such as reading the Bible with others, asking questions, telling stories, encouraging application, and living on mission.

#### Facilitator:



**Phil Seagrove**  
*Elder (Vice Chair)*

### Advanced Skills & Tools of the Alongsider

This class is for those who attended the Discipleship Conference, or have completed the Alongsiders Introduction class. You understand the vision and basics of the alongsider, but feel as though you need some coaching and some tools in order to flourish in a disciple-making relationship. This course will continue to build upon the concepts that you have already learned as well as providing concrete tools to begin the process.

#### Facilitator:



**Chris Kovac**  
*Pastor of Outreach Ministries*