

Life Together

Mentoring Ministry



Why do life together?

Because we need each other! This walking out our faith in a fallen messy world is hard, and strenuous, and beautiful, and we are better together. Loving one another, encouraging one another, crying and laughing together, rejoicing and mourning...this stuff of life when shared with a friend makes them sweeter and the burden lighter. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. "Life Together" is intentional friendship between two women, one a little farther down the road, who desire to invest in one another for their good and God's glory.

I don't feel qualified to be a mentor...

Good! That's pretty much the first requirement! Can you think of anyone in all of scripture who felt qualified for the task God set before them? Yeah, me neither. Amazingly, God chooses to use us broken, imperfect people to love and change other broken, imperfect people. A mentor is simply a woman who loves God, is growing in faith, wisdom and grace and desires to invest in other women. If you are a believer, a member of Valley View, and you feel insufficient for the task, congratulations, you're qualified!

What does mentoring look like?

It looks a million different ways, but there are some things all mentoring relationships have in common. The most obvious is a commitment to spend time together. What you do when you're together will look different for each of you. There is no one "right way". It's also a commitment to pray for and encourage one another to pursue God and to love well. The mentor is also modeling her dependence on God and need of grace. This might not always be done "out loud" so to speak, but just allowing your mentee into your day to day life and modeling how you handle your ups and downs, successes and failures in light of the gospel. So what will your time together look like? If it sounds like something fun to do with a friend...do it! And use that time to be open with one another, share burdens, and point each other to Jesus.

I want to be in a mentoring relationship...What's next?

- Contact one of the ministry leaders
- Fill out the profile card
- If you have a person in mind you would like to be matched with, speak with that person and make a decision together.
- The leadership will go over the profile cards and prayerfully match you with a mentor if you are not already matched.
- The new mentors will be contacted.
- The mentors will contact their mentees.
- If you have questions, please, please, please, contact one of the mentoring leaders.
- Do it! Love God, love people, and do Life Together.