

Discipleship Ministries Use of Evidence of Student Learning

As a means of on-going assessment and evaluation, the Discipleship Ministries area collects feedback a minimum of once a semester. During the fall semester, a questionnaire evaluation is given to assess the themes that are covered in the weekly training times. At the end spring semester, assessment of leadership development and understanding of the purpose of spiritual disciplines for spiritual formation is taken through a questionnaire evaluation.

Upon the collection and review of the 2013-2014 data, the Discipleship Ministries staff and leadership team determined that the most beneficial aspect of the weekly training meetings was the specific time given to a variety of spiritual disciplines. D Group leaders were able to recall and articulate the benefit of at least one spiritual discipline that was covered in the training meetings.

Given this data, the Discipleship Ministries staff determined to continue the emphasis on spiritual disciplines for the 2014-15 school year. This emphasis will take place in weekly training times by utilizing the *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* as a required resource for every D Group leader. Student will continue to engage in practical exercises and be given an opportunity to hear from guest speakers on various spiritual disciplines.

Upon evaluation of the data from Questions #1 and #2 assessing leadership growth and development, the Discipleship Ministries staff determined that these questions are too broad for the students to answer in quantifiable ways. While it has been important for student leaders to know and articulate the necessary aspects of leading a weekly D Group, there is some confusion about what aspects the questionnaire evaluation is seeking to assess. Questions that ask for more narrative will be helpful to assess the desired information.

Part of the growth that is desired but not currently measured is the internal growth (self-awareness) of the D Group leaders. Discipleship Ministries staff is considering a question to measure self-awareness and personal growth and development.