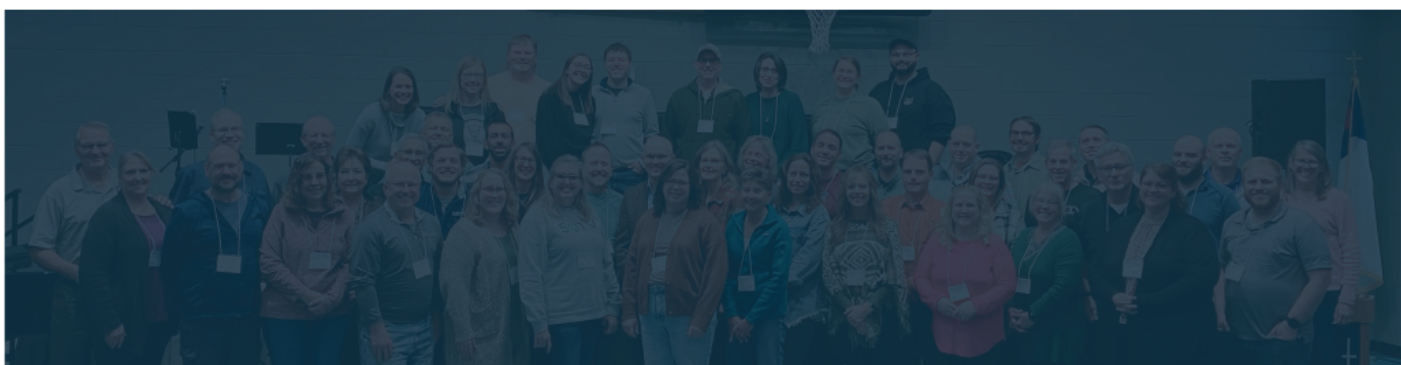


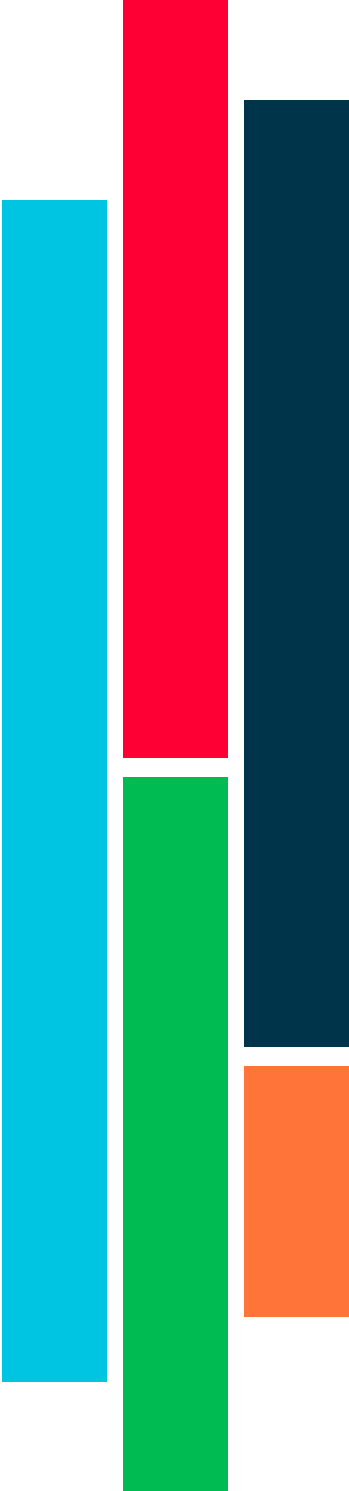
VISION BRIDGE

Learning Community



VISION BRIDGE LEARNING COMMUNITY

IS OUR CHURCH READY TO GO WITH NEW CLARITY WHERE GOD IS CALLING US?



Church leaders across the U.S. long to see their church bring the Gospel outside their walls and into the surrounding community. However, because of the pressures of ministry, it sometimes feels as if the only way to do that is to add more onto their already full plate of responsibilities, seemingly putting outreach in competition with running existing ministries.

Aligning a church's existing strategies and structures with the Mission of God is always a foremost responsibility of any church leader. Naturally, running the church and its programs can cause the mission to drift, fade or even be forgotten. When church leaders recognize this, they know something needs to change, but identifying the right next steps is hard when they're in the relentless pace of ministry.

What if you didn't have to have all the answers today, but could be a part of an intentional process to discover them in the coming months? What if you could leverage the collective potential of your team and a learning community of impact-oriented leaders and courageously act to build and discover your church's future missional path?

The degree to which you and your team are willing to wrestle down the answer to these five critical questions for your context will have implications on the next decade of your church's collective gospel impact:

- 1** What are the strengths we must maximize and the old paradigms we must release in order to multiply leaders and disciples for the future?
- 2** How do we move the finish line of typical church, calling our people to greater "Mission of God" impact with their lives that goes beyond worship attendance, going to bible study, and serving at church?
- 3** Have we defined the kind of disciples we aim to make and how effective is our intentional, relational process for making them?
- 4** How do we discern and articulate a disciple-making vision that everyone in our church shares, propelling them into mission for our community's future?
- 5** Who is a trusted guide who can bring clarity and a process to this moment, where we feel poised to step into what God has for us next?

THE CORE PROCESS & DELIVERABLES

The Vision Bridge core process is an innovative journey that delivers disciple-making clarity and shared vision designed around your church's unique DNA and context.

The following identify five key signposts for the journey as key deliverables along the way.



FUNNEL FUSION

Move the finish line. Most churches are over-programmed and under-disciplined; focused on engaging people in worship services, small groups and service opportunities. But, ministry success is not in the crowds that gather but the disciples that scatter to be the church in the places where they live, work, study and play. Move the finish line of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus from mere church engagement to living as a family on mission.

Deliverable:

Problem Statement—Build unity around the essence of the problem in your unique context.



CROWD CLOUD

Become a hero-maker. Learn how to elevate mission as an all-play sport by exchanging the staff's identity as ministry heroes to becoming hero-makers who develop the Kingdom potential in others. Take a fresh look at both the unique mission-force God has brought together in your congregation and the unique mission field in which God has placed you in.

Deliverable: *Craft an all-play, everyday mission that focuses and unites the leadership while activating the congregation.*



DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Build a training center. Learn how to elevate discipleship by establishing the key essentials necessary to a disciple-making culture. Define the specific kind of disciples your intentionally seeking do develop and deploy in your context.

Deliverable:

Build a new scorecard of success around the identification of your Dream Disciple and codify your unique set of transferable tools to develop them.



KINGDOM PLATFORM

Empower each one. Learn how to elevate leadership development that moves beyond the walls of the church. Explore five essential skills to help maturing disciples become kingdom leaders that are easy to follow.

Deliverable:

Identification of the key environments and practices that empower multiplication in your context.



VISION FRAME

Create the future. With vivid language, clarify God's unique disciple-making calling that clarifies your churches unique identity and direction as you step with God into your next chapter together.

Deliverable:

Your shared dream of the future that answers "Where is God taking us?" —that is coupled with an executable plan.

LEARNING COMMUNITY RHYTHMS

The Vision Bridge process is an innovative journey that delivers solutions for real disciple-making growth based on a church’s unique DNA.

The journey is built around a collaborative training and decision-making environment based on biblical principles and proven tools. Learning Community Guides will facilitate a team-building and coaching dynamic to help each church’s key leaders align around disciple-making clarity that culminates in a Vision Frame that provides greater unity, clarity, freedom and alignment for the whole church. Each team will navigate through mission opportunity clarification, disciple-making culture and steps to effective implementation. The process consists of ten sessions in an approximate seven-month window which are delivered utilizing a mix of in-person gatherings and virtual cohorts environments.

TIMELINE VISUAL SUMMARY

The timeline for the process is visualized below. Descriptions for each component listed below.

	THE PROCESS									
SESSIONS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Onsite Gatherings	●					●				
Virtual Cohort Sessions		■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■
Open Office Hours			▲				▲			

COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS

2 ONSITE GATHERINGS

The process consists of two onsite gatherings that bring all 10 church teams together both at the start and midway through the process. These gatherings foster relational courage combined with catalytic ideas.

8 COHORT SESSIONS

Each onsite gathering is followed by four virtual cohort sessions (8 sessions total) taking place every 3-4 week. They run two hours. Each session will consist of content, coaching and team conversations.

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

At critical junctures of the process, the PLI coaches are available to church leaders through an “Open Office Hours” virtual time.

TEAM WORK SESSIONS

Between each cohort, each church team is encouraged to schedule a two-hour “working session” for their team to continue the conversation that the cohort sessions started.

10 MAKE OR BREAK QUESTIONS

The Vision Bridge Learning Community will help motivated church teams answer the following 10 Make or Break questions with greater confidence and shared agreement than they do today.

Rating: 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Uncertain 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree

<p>1. Our Mission Motivates: We have a clear, compelling, contextualized <u>mission statement</u> that mobilizes our congregation (not just our staff) to live out their identity where they live, work and play.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>2. Our Unique Distinctives: We have a clearly articulated set of actionable <u>values</u> that define the distinct culture, behaviors and decision making filters as a church.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>3. Our Dream Disciple: We have defined our <i>Dream Disciple</i>—the kinds of disciples we are intentionally developing which our local context desperately needs more of—as the key <u>measure</u> of success on fulfilling our mission.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>4. Our Disciple-making Pathway: We have an effective disciple-making <u>strategy</u> that functions more like a multiplication map than a program menu.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>5. Our Development Practices: We have have reproducible tools, practices and coaching that empowers multiplication through increased <i>show-how training</i> versus primarily <i>tell-how teaching</i> experiences.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>6. Our Deployment Passion: We have an intentional way of helping people cooperate with the Holy Spirit as they identify and engage persons of peace within their relational sphere of influence.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>7. Our Shared Dream: We are being guided into the future by a shared dream—a 5-10 year <u>God-inspired vision</u> that vividly describes where God is taking us as church.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>8. Our Strategic Objectives: We have identified a handful of <u>strategic objectives</u> we must achieve in the next three years on the way to our long-range vision.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>9. Our 1-Year Goal: We have a single, <u>short-range goal</u>, six to twelve months into the future that has become a rallying point for both the leadership and congregation.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>
<p>10. Our Action Initiatives: In the next 90-120 days, we have a set of clear <u>action Initiatives</u> that are helping us to win early and often as we stay in step with the Holy Spirit and one another on the way to our long-range vision.</p>	<p>1 2 3 4 5</p>

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

VISION BRIDGE LEARNING COMMUNITY - \$6,000*

- 2 - Onsite Sessions
- 8 - Two Hour Virtual Cohort Sessions
- 2 - Open Office Hours
- Vision Bridge Materials
- Access to a Learning Community Web Portal for your team
- Tuition payable to PLI in 2 payments of \$2750 before each of our onsite sessions

* Travel and lodging for the in-person gatherings not included.

** Our recommendation is to bring a team of 3-5 people.

NEXT STEPS

JOIN PLI FOR THE NEXT VISION BRIDGE COHORT*

- Contact Raechel Pfothauer to reserve your spot raechel@plileadership.org or 630.795.9747
- Be prepared to register with a \$500 fee
- Begin to build your team of 3-5 people total

* This cohort is limited to ten church teams.