DISCOVERY

Purpose of Discovery

Discovery is designed to help people move forward in their faith by finding their place in the life of the church. It's more than just an introduction. It's a chance to see what it really looks like to follow Jesus and to begin putting that into practice in a way that is real and personal. Following Jesus isn't just about attending a service, but about a life that is being shaped, changed, and lived with intentionality.

Over time, we've seen something to be true when people have both meaningful relationships and a meaningful role within the church, they don't just attend. They stay, grow, and become part of the family. That's what this environment is designed to help people discover. As people take steps in their faith, they also begin building relationships and finding ways to be part of what God is doing. Those things grow together - and when they do, church starts to feel like home.

Whether someone is exploring faith for the first time or ready to take their next step, the goal is that they leave with clarity and confidence about what comes next, both in their relationship with Jesus and in their connection to the church.

Equipping You to Lead Discovery

This guide is designed to make leading Discovery accessible for almost anyone. Whether you're newer to RADIUS, helping launch a new campus, or have been around for years, you'll find tools here to support you. For those who are newer or still getting familiar with our mission, language, and culture, we've included a full script that you can follow word-for-word if needed. This is especially helpful for church planters or leaders stepping into this for the first time, giving you clarity and confidence as you communicate who we are.

For those who are more experienced or comfortable presenting, you'll also find presenter notes and key talking points throughout. These are designed to help you speak more naturally while still covering the essential content. You don't have to memorize anything - just use the notes as a guide to keep the flow and emphasis where it needs to be.

Also included in this package is a one-pager that is given to participants. It directly aligns with the content and slides, making it especially helpful for larger or more formal settings. It provides a simple, visual way for people to follow along, reflect, and identify their next step.

As you prepare, we encourage you to read through the entire guide ahead of time and choose the approach that best fits your comfort level. The goal isn't to deliver a perfect presentation, but to create a warm, clear, and helpful experience that allows people to understand RADIUS and discover a meaningful next step in their faith journey.

Welcome

Anchor Line

Our goal today is simply to help you take your next step.

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Welcome

Script

Hey everyone, welcome — we're really glad you're here. My name is [Name], and I'm (a partner, on the team) here at RADIUS. Thanks so much for taking the time to come and be part of this.

Whether you've been here for a couple of weeks or a couple of years, this is simply a chance for you to get to know us a little better — who we are, what we believe, and how you might find your place here at RADIUS.

Today is really simple. Our goal is just to help you discover your next step, whatever that may be.

For some of you, that might mean deciding that RADIUS could become your church home. For others, it may simply mean learning a little more about who we are — and that's a great place to start.

Over the next few minutes, we're going to walk through three things:

1. First, we'll share a little about why we exist as a church.
2. Then, we'll talk about the mission of RADIUS.
3. And finally, we'll show you some practical ways you can get connected.

<u>Call to Action</u> - There's no pressure to decide anything today. Our hope is simply that you leave with a clearer picture of who we are and what your next step might be.

Presenter Notes

- Welcome everyone warmly.
- Thank them for taking time to come.
- Briefly have everyone introduce themselves.
- If true, acknowledge the mix of people in the room: some newer, some who have been around awhile. (If 1:1, speak to their RADIUS experience.)
- Explain that Discovery is simply a chance to learn about RADIUS — who we are, what we believe, and how people find their place here.
- Reassure them there is no pressure to decide anything today. Do not overstate this however.

Briefly explain the three things we'll cover:

1. Why we exist as a church
2. Mission of RADIUS
3. Practical ways to get connected

- Close by reminding them the goal is clarity about their next step.

Delivery Reminders

- Keep the tone relaxed and welcoming.
- Don't rush the opening — this sets the atmosphere.
- Smile and make eye contact to create a conversational feel.
- Keep it fun and lighthearted. "We take God really seriously, but we don't take ourselves too seriously."

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History

Anchor Line

From the beginning, this has never been about building a church — it's about sending people to make disciples.

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Campuses

Script

Our story started pretty simply. Back in 2003, a small group of people started praying for their town. Over time, they decided to plant a church here in the Midlands. Two churches actually began at the same time, one in Lexington and one in Columbia, meeting in living rooms and even a coffee shop. Pretty quickly, they realized trying to run two separate churches with the same people wasn't going to work. So in 2004, they merged together, took the name RADIUS, and started meeting in an elementary school.

From the very beginning, there was this heartbeat. We may not have much, but we'll be ridiculously generous with what we do have. We served our community, gave what we could, and built a church that believed real life is hard, but real faith in a real God changes everything.

Over time, God grew it. The vision expanded, and we began to focus on something bigger, planting churches that make disciples, and live generously.

After years of setting up and tearing down, we moved into a building in 2011, but never lost sight of the truth that the church was never about the building.

And then instead of just growing bigger, we started sending people out. New campuses. New churches. New communities being reached. Because this has never just been about us. It's about seeing lives changed, disciples made, and churches planted all across South Carolina. And we're still just getting started.

Presenter Notes

- Our story started simply in 2003 with people praying for their town.
- Two churches launched (Lexington + Columbia), meeting in homes and a coffee shop.
- In 2004, they merged, became RADIUS, and met in an elementary school.
- Early heartbeat:
  - "We may not have much, but we'll be ridiculously generous."
  - Served the community and trusted God to work.
- Over time, God grew the church and clarified the mission:
  - Plant churches
  - Make disciples
  - Live generously
- Moved into a building in 2011, but stayed grounded in the truth:
  - The church is not the building.
- Shift from growing bigger → sending people out:
  - New campuses
  - New churches
  - More communities reached
- This has always been about:
  - Lives changed
  - Disciples made
  - Churches planted
  - Living generously
- And the story is still being written.

Delivery Reminders

- Tell this like a story, not a timeline — keep it engaging and human.
- Add a little energy and momentum as you move toward the present.
- Emphasize phrases like:
  - "extravagant generosity"
  - "never about the building"
  - "sending people out"

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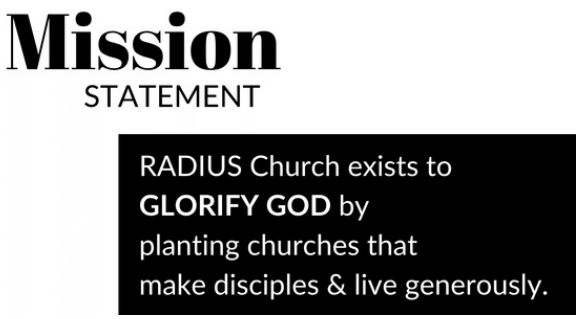
Mission Statement



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Everything we do as a church flows from one purpose - glorifying God.

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Mission Statement

Script

Before we talk about next steps, it helps to understand why RADIUS exists in the first place.

Our mission as a church is simple: RADIUS Church exists to glorify God by planting churches that make disciples and live generously.

We glorify God - Honestly, we could stop right there (this is a key phrase). Everything we do as a church flows from that one purpose - to honor God with our lives, our church, and the way we serve the world around us.

But the way we pursue that mission is pretty specific. We glorify God by planting churches. We want each church that we plant to make disciples, and live generously.

Over the next few minutes, we're going to talk about how each of those shows up in the life of our church, what it looks like practically, and how people begin to grow as a disciple here.

Because at the end of the day, our hope is that every person who walks through our doors has the opportunity to know Jesus, grow in their faith, and live out that mission in their radius.

Call to Action: ***As we talk about this mission, I want to invite you to do something simple — just start asking, What could my part be? Because we believe God has a place for every person in what He's doing here.***

Presenter Notes

- The mission is simple: RADIUS Church exists to glorify God by planting churches that make disciples and live generously.
- Everything we do as a church flows from that first phrase. - to glorify God.
- We pursue that mission in three main ways:
  - Planting churches
  - Making disciples
  - Living generously
- Let them know you'll briefly explain how those show up in the life of the church.

Delivery Reminders

- Slow down when you say the mission statement — it's the foundation.
- This slide sets vision and identity, not details.
- Speak with clarity and confidence; this is the "why" behind everything else they'll hear.

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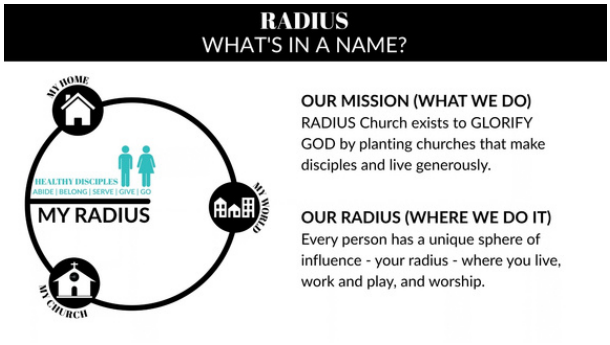
RADIUS: What’s in a name?



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Your radius is the everyday places where your life happens — your sphere of influence.

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Sphere of Influence Slide

Script

One of the questions people often ask is, ‘Why the name RADIUS?’

The idea behind the name is actually pretty simple. Every person has a unique sphere of influence or what we call - your radius.

Your radius is made up of the everyday places where your life happens. It includes your home (the people closest to you), your world (where you work, go to school, spend time with neighbors and friends), and your church family, where you gather to worship, learn, and grow together.

We believe faith isn’t meant to stay inside a church building. Real faith shows up in real life. It shows up in the conversations you have at home, the way you treat people at work, the way you care for neighbors, and the way you serve others in your community.

So when we say ‘RADIUS Church,’ what we mean is this: we want to help people follow and reflect Jesus in the places where their life actually happens.

And as people grow in their faith and live intentionally in their radius, the hope is that others begin to see Jesus through their lives and disciples begin to multiply in homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities.

<u>Call to Action:</u> As we talk today, I want to encourage you to think about your own radius — the people and places where God has already placed you. Because part of following Jesus isn’t just what happens here on Sundays, it’s learning to live out our faith in the everyday places where our lives unfold.

Presenter Notes

- People often ask why the name RADIUS.
- The idea is simple: everyone has a radius — a sphere of influence.
- Your radius includes:
  - Home – family and closest relationships
  - Your world – work, school, neighbors, friendships
  - Church family – where we gather, worship, and grow
- Faith isn't meant to stay inside a church building.
- Real faith shows up in everyday life:
  - Conversations at home - first
  - How we treat people at work
  - Caring for neighbors
  - Serving others
- The heart behind the name:
  - Helping people follow and reflect Jesus where life actually happens.
  - As people live this way, disciples multiply in homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities.

Delivery Reminders

- Keep this section simple and visual — people should easily picture their own life.
- When describing the radius areas, pause briefly after each so people can connect personally.
- Use a slightly more conversational tone here; it's a relatable concept.
- Emphasize the phrase "where your life actually happens." That's the heart of the idea.
- This is a vision moment, not just explaining a name.
- Give a simple example of your radius: work, school, neighbors, kids' sports, or other everyday places that make the idea feel real and relatable.

Notes

Planting Churches

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Planting Churches

Script

If you look around South Carolina right now, one thing is clear - people are coming here in droves.

We're one of the fastest-growing states in the country. New neighborhoods, new schools, new opportunities… everywhere you turn, there are more people.

But here's the tension…
While our population is growing, churches are closing their doors. Across the country, weekly church attendance has dropped significantly. What used to be around 40% of Americans attending regularly is now closer to 30%. And in just the last few years, that number has dipped even further, especially after COVID. In fact, more churches are closing than opening in America today. Some estimates say thousands of churches could shut their doors in a single year.

So here's the reality: More people in South Carolina… but fewer churches.

More growth… but less spiritual engagement.

And that creates a massive opportunity to glorify God.

Because every new family moving here, every new neighbor, every new development represents someone who may not be connected to Jesus or His Church yet.

This isn't just a challenge - it's our mission and vision (can use Great Opportunity slide here). Planting healthy, generous, disciple-making churches.

<u>Call to Action</u> - When you look around at the growth happening here, don't just see new houses — see people. Don't just see neighborhoods — see mission fields. Because God has placed you here, in this moment, for a reason. And the question becomes: how will you step into that opportunity?

Presenter Notes

- Start with what people are seeing:
  - South Carolina is growing rapidly.
  - New neighborhoods, schools, and communities everywhere.
- Introduce the tension:
  - While population is increasing…
    - Church attendance is decreasing.
  - More churches are closing than opening
- Highlight the contrast:
  - More people → fewer churches
  - More growth → less spiritual engagement
- Reframe the tension as opportunity:
  - Every new family = someone not yet connected
  - Every neighborhood = a mission field
- Connect to RADIUS vision:
  - This is why we plant churches.
  - Healthy, generous, disciple-making churches.

Delivery Reminders

- Start observational and relatable — “you’ve probably noticed this…”
- Use a slight pause after the tension to let it sink in.
- Emphasize contrast phrases:
  - “More people… fewer churches”
- Shift tone from concern → vision and hope when you say “opportunity.”

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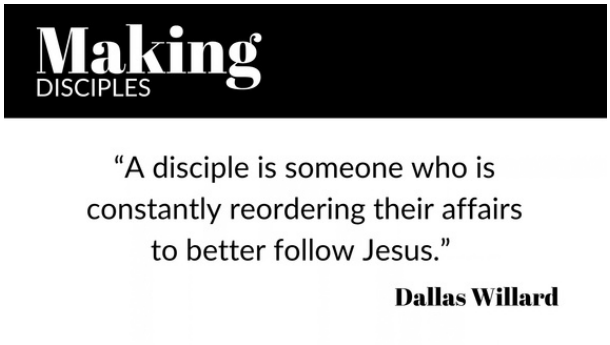
Making Disciples



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A disciple is someone following Jesus and helping others do the same.

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Making Disciples

Script

You might be wondering what is a "disciple" and how do we make them? Before we answer that, it helps to define what we mean by a disciple. We describe a disciple as someone who is following Jesus and helping others do the same. A disciple is someone who is continually learning to align their everyday life their priorities, decisions, relationships, and rhythms around following Him.

And as that happens, something else begins to take place. A life that is centered on Jesus doesn't just grow inward - it begins to overflow outward. It naturally impacts others. Disciples don't just follow Jesus for themselves; they begin to help others follow Him too. That's where multiplication begins.

At RADIUS, we want to make that as clear and practical as possible so we often say that healthy disciples…

- abide in Christ
- belong to the family of God
- serve with their gifts
- give generously
- and go wherever Jesus sends them.

These five ideas shape the way we think about spiritual growth. We call them the marks of a healthy disciple, and they're not meant to be a checklist or something you have to get perfect. Instead, they describe the rhythms we begin to see in someone who is growing in their relationship with Jesus over time. Someone who is, little by little, learning to reorder their life around Him and invite others along the way. And as we walk through each one, our hope is that you'll begin to see where you might already be growing — and what your next step could be.

<u>Call to Action</u> - As we walk through these, I'd encourage you to think about your own journey with Jesus. Where might God be inviting you to realign or take a step forward? Which of these rhythms do you see in your life already, and which might be the next area where He is calling you to grow.

Presenter Notes

- Start with a question they are likely thinking about:
  - “What is a discple and how do we make them?
- Define a disciple:
  - A disciple is someone who is following Jesus and helping others do the same.
  - We describe a disciple as someone who is following Jesus and helping A disciple is someone who is continually learning to align their everyday life their priorities, decisions, relationships, and rhythms around following Him.
- Briefly explain that in everyday language:
  - Following Jesus reshapes how we live — priorities, decisions, relationships
- Add the multiplication piece:
  - Growth isn’t just inward — it overflows outward
  - Disciples begin helping others follow Jesus too
- Clarify:
  - These are not a checklist or performance standard

Delivery Reminders

- Slow down when sharing the disciple definition — let it land.
- Emphasize the phrase “not just inward… but outward”.
- Keep tone inviting, not heavy — this is about growth, not pressure.
- Use slight pauses when listing the five marks so people can track.
- Make eye contact during the reflection setup — this is a personal moment.

Notes

Living Generously

Anchor Line

We give because of God's great generosity towards us.

Slide

Living Generously

Script

We live generously because Jesus has first been generous toward us. The gospel reminds us that we were in need, separated from God, and unable to save ourselves — and yet, in love, Jesus gave His life for us. He didn't hold back. He gave Himself fully so that we could be forgiven, restored, and brought into relationship with God.

Everything we have — our breath, our time, our resources, our relationships — ultimately comes from a God who gives freely and joyfully. When we open our hands and live generously, we begin to reflect His heart.

Generosity shapes us into people who are humble, grateful, and ready to meet the needs around us. It reminds us that our stuff isn't our savior — God is. And as we give, God uses those offerings in powerful ways. Through the generosity of people in our church, we are able to:

- plant new churches
- support local ministries in our communities
- partner with international missions
- invest in the next generation through kids and student ministries
- create environments where people can discover and follow Jesus
- meet practical needs through Give Hope, including things like utilities, transportation, home repairs, and other real needs in our community

We give because God gave first. God gives best. And God gives continually. We believe generosity reflects the heart of God. When we live open-handedly with our time and resources, we reflect His generous love to the people around us.

Call to Action - ***As you think about your next step, maybe it's asking God what it looks like for you to live more open-handedly with your time, your resources, and your life. Because when we give, we reflect the heart of a generous God.***

Presenter Notes

- Our generosity flows from God's generosity toward us.
- Everything we have comes from Him:
  - Time, resources, relationships, life itself.
  - Generosity is about reflecting God's heart.
- When we give:
  - It shapes us to be humble and grateful.
  - It reminds us that God—not our stuff—is our source.
- God uses generosity to make an impact:
  - Planting churches
  - Supporting local ministries
  - Partnering globally
  - Investing in kids and students
  - Creating environments for people to meet Jesus
- Giving is not just financial — it's a posture of open-handed living.

Delivery Reminders

- Keep tone invitational and vision-focused, not heavy or transactional.
- Emphasize:
  - "God gave first"
  - "reflect His heart"
- When listing impact, add a little energy and momentum.
- Avoid making this feel like pressure — frame it as response to grace.

Notes

Frequently Asked Questions

Anchor Line

We'd love to answer any questions you have.

Slide

FAQ

Script

Before we wrap up, we want to take a few minutes to open it up for questions.

We've covered a lot in a short amount of time - why we exist as a church, our mission and how you can take a next step here at RADIUS.

One thing we didn't go deeply into today is our specific beliefs. That's intentional - not because they aren't important, but because we wanted to focus on helping you understand the heartbeat and rhythms of our church. We go through our beliefs more fully as part of the partnership process.

That said, we absolutely want to make space for that.

If you have any questions about what we believe, how we think about certain things, or anything we talked about today, we'd genuinely love to answer those.

Our website, radiuschurch.org also gives alot of information on what we believe. Many of you may have already looked through that as you were exploring our church, but it's there as a helpful resource if you want to go deeper.

If you have theological/doctrinal questions, grab me after this and we can talk because I do not want to rush an answer and I want to respect everyone's time.

So with that in mind -
What questions do you have?
Is there anything we didn't cover that you were hoping we would?
(Allow time for responses)

Presenter Notes

- Transition clearly: “Before we wrap up…”
- Acknowledge:
  - Covered a lot of content
  - This is a natural place for questions
- Address beliefs:
  - We didn’t cover them in detail
  - That was intentional (focus on mission + growth)
  - But we are open and happy to discuss
- Point to resource:
  - QR code on their page
  - Website has full beliefs section
  - Many may have already seen it
- Invite participation:
  - Ask 1–2 open-ended questions
  - Give space for silence (don’t rush it)
- Be ready to:
  - Clarify
  - Keep answers concise
  - Offer follow-up conversations if needed

Delivery Reminders

- Shift to a relaxed, conversational tone — this should feel like dialogue, not presentation
- Don’t be afraid of a little silence after asking for questions
- Smile and make eye contact — this builds safety
- Keep answers - Clear, Honest, Not overly long

If a question goes deep - Affirm it, Give a short answer, Offer to follow up after

Reinforce warmth:

- “That’s a great question”
- “I’m really glad you asked that”

Notes

What’s Your Next Step?

Anchor Line

No matter where you are in your faith, there’s always a next step.

Slide

What’s Your Next Step?

Script

For some of you, you may still be exploring faith and asking questions about Jesus. We’re really glad you’re here. RADIUS is a place where it’s safe to explore, ask questions, and take steps at your own pace.

For others of you, you may already be following Jesus but you’re ready to take a next step in your faith. One of those steps might be baptism. Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus - a way of saying, ‘My life now belongs to Him.’ Or maybe your next step is getting connected to community through a group, finding a place to serve, or exploring partnership with the church.

Possible next steps:

- Talk with someone
- Follow Jesus
- Baptism (public declaration of faith)
- Join a group / find community
- Join a serve team
- Explore partnership
- No next steps at this time

On the paper in front of you, please let us know what your next step might be.

It doesn’t have to be lots of steps — just your one next step. Our team would love to come alongside you and help you.

<u>Call to Action</u> - Go ahead and fill out the handout, and let us know how we can come alongside you as take your next step.

Presenter Notes

- Two groups to acknowledge:
  - Those exploring faith → this is a safe place to ask questions
  - Those ready for a next step in following Jesus
- Possible next steps:
  - Talk with someone
  - Follow Jesus
  - Baptism (public declaration of faith)
  - Join a group / find community
  - Join a serve team
  - Explore partnership
  - No next steps at this time
- Let them know:
  - You'll give them a moment to fill it out.
  - The team will follow up and help them move forward.

Delivery Reminders

- Slow down and shift tone slightly — this is a response moment.
- Be pastoral and inviting, not pushy.
- When mentioning different groups, look around the room — help people feel seen.
- Pause briefly after listing next steps so people can process personally.
- When referencing the handout, physically gesture to it.
- Let them know we can help them take a next step today, whether that is joining a group, serving on a team, or setting up a follow-up conversation.

Notes