

“Building a Spiritual Foundation in Our Children”

Proverbs 22:6

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Sermon Scripture: “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6, NIV)

HRBC’s Vision for Discipleship:¹

Within the last year, our church adopted a vision based upon Five Pillars of the first century church as recorded in Acts. The five pillars are: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach and Missions (see Acts 2:42-47).

The sermon scripture (Prov. 22:6) points us to the Discipleship pillar, which oversees how we make, train and equip disciples for Christian ministry in the world.

Our visionary statement for Discipleship is as follows:

- **HRBC invites and connects people to a transforming relationship with Jesus.**
- **We address people’s longing for God by providing meaningful ministries and developing fully devoted followers of Jesus.”**

Five Key Elements of a Spiritual Foundation (for teaching our children):

- 1. Understanding of God and Jesus** – To get to know God, just look at Jesus. We learn about God’s character through the life and ministry of Jesus his Son.
- 2. Values** – Love God; Love neighbor as self; every person is created in the image of a loving and sovereign God -- *imago Dei*.
- 3. Principles** -- Right and wrong; The Ten Commandments; Beatitudes; fruit of the Spirit; decision making; generosity among others.
- 4. Spiritual Practices** – Regular, habits of worship, prayer and Bible reading.
- 5. Commitment to Jesus** – Be like Jesus (Reference to Pastor Bob who asked someone about his bracelet that said, “Be like J”) – *Be like Jesus*.

¹ Vision-2022-Team-Report-and-Recommendation-for-Quarterly-mtg_.pdf, p. 12.