



EXAMPLE DEVELOPMENT MESSAGE

Leaders for Christ-Denver

Our Vision

To see people become one to one disciple makers, equipping people in Denver and beyond so countless lives are changed forever.

Our Mission

To win, disciple, and multiply Christian leaders through personal relationships and experiences that impact individuals, marriages, families, and businesses so they are transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LFC Profile of a Leader for Christ

Commit your life and time to Jesus Christ.

Complete our mentorship program and begin to invest your life in another Christian leader in an intentional one-to-one discipleship process.

Ready to answer the question, "What are you giving your life to?"

Establish priorities in balance in five areas: Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Spiritual, and Financial.

Memorize the Scriptures. In order to walk a lifetime with Christ, a leader has to know the Word and how to apply it. Long term behavior change comes through Scripture memorization.

Submit to a life of Scriptural accountability with other Christians.

Know and define, in your mind and heart these points:

- Define your Purpose in life
- Know your Identity in Christ
- Know the Biblical Purpose of Money
- Know the Biblical Purpose of Marriage
- Become a Spiritual warrior.
- Understand the value and purpose of prayer and establish a quiet time and prayer life when you are alone with the Father.



How We Got Here

In 1980, in downtown Dallas, a small group of Christian leaders began working together in planning to connect other Christian leaders in hopes of spiritual revival. A series of meetings was planned to last just six weeks, but it turned into 33 uninterrupted years.

By 1995, LFC was hosting annual conferences bringing together similar groups of Christian leaders. Year after year, since those early days in the 1980's, volunteer-led groups had been launched in other large cities across America, modeled after that small Dallas movement.

The tipping point came in 2002. By then an international ministry with offices of its own, LFC crafted a simple but unique biblically-based approach to one-to-one discipleship. They called it *GROW*. By God's grace *GROW* has become the most effective tool ever made available to help Christian leaders grow to spiritual maturity, and equip them to apply their faith and biblical principles in their life, work, and spheres of influence.

LFC experienced fresh momentum as they added staff leadership around the country. In 2005, LFC-Denver was launched as an area ministry for LFC. Bob Schmidt, the first metro area director of Denver was named in 2006, and Jeff Rolfe led the Prayer Breakfast efforts. Discussion groups and retreats began starting up all around Denver, and LFC-Denver continued to grow.

In 2010, LFC Denver recommitted to focus on one-to-one life discipleship, using the proven method of *GROW* as the centerpiece. George Hollister was recruited as Metro Director for Greater Denver and everything changed as God began a new work through LFC.

The broader efforts of LFC-Denver now include the Denver Prayer Breakfast, eight Key Leader Breakfasts each year, specialized retreats and events for Christian leaders and their families, and numerous small group discussions, focus groups, books, digital content, and new projects in the works.

LFC-Denver has reached over 35,000 people in the Denver region. We are also recognized as the most effectively funded metro area in LFC, nearly all through the generous giving of individuals. God has blessed us with a track record of continuing growth in giving year after year, with over \$2.7 million given since 2007.



What We Are Working Toward

We believe that God's basic plan for discipleship hasn't changed since modeled in the life of Christ. But, our world is changing. The need for one-to-one, transformational discipleship is greater than ever. In the fast-paced world of working leaders, more is always expected for less. This is leaving leaders feeling more isolated and ill-equipped than at any point in our history.

We have seen that God uses LFC-Denver to bring about transformational change in the lives of leaders. We reach leaders where they work. Through authentic relationships and networking experiences, we are seeing leaders discipled and God does what He does best...He changes lives. As leaders are mentored face to face in applying the bible to their life as a spouse, parent, or employee we see their families changed, companies transformed, and the impact begins to move beyond their home to their neighborhood and their city.

We are resolute and believe in doing what it takes. It takes the prayer of God's people, an ongoing and tenacious commitment to love God and others, and the courage to go deeper with every leader that connects with the staff and volunteers of LFC.

The opportunity for impact is greater than ever. We are focusing in on a few key areas that we believe are critically important for us to take this movement of leaders to the next level of impact on our region and world:

- Growing More Key Leaders
- Reaching Younger Generations
- Reinventing Our Approach

What We Are Working Toward

Growing More Key Leaders

Through the years we have noticed a disturbing trend among Christians. The older a person becomes, the less flexible and more judgmental they can appear. It's easy to become stale and rigid, unwilling to be available to the challenges and questions of the younger generation. God has enabled LFC to do *the exact opposite*. Going against the grain, we focus on discipling leaders over the long haul. We are seeing mature Christian leaders gain a new vision for discipling younger leaders. God is stirring the hearts of many leaders to not sit idly by as the world declines, but instead to get engaged in the battle for the hearts of people.

Reaching Younger Generations

A commonly held view of reaching today's young leaders is that if you aren't "cool," you aren't relevant and have nothing to offer as a ministry. But we are finding that the authenticity of a leader transformed by the power of the Gospel speaks more powerfully than anything the contemporary world has to offer. We have increased our focus on leaders between the ages of 21 and 40. God is indeed moving among today's younger leaders who are positioned for impacting the future of families, businesses, and communities.

Reinventing Our Approach

We've spent a great deal of time praying and thinking about things that should never change. Our commitment to the Gospel, our mission, and our Biblical values. Our belief in the transformational power of God to change a life through one-to-one discipleship will never change. We also have identified the need to respond to a rapidly changing culture that is influencing leaders into greater bondage than ever before. We believe that God will bless our efforts to plan and improve how we can engage today's culture and continue to broaden and deepen our impact.

The Giving Driven Steps

Step 1–The Stage is Set [COMPLETE]

Since 2007, over \$2.7 million has been given to LFC Denver to impact leaders, their families, their business and the Denver area.

- By God's provision through this generous giving of people, we are now reaching over 30,000 people each year through our platform programs: Denver Prayer Breakfast, Key Leader Meetings, GROW, Special Events, and Small Group Meetings.

Step 2–Now Broaden Our Reach \$1,000,000

Building upon the amazing blessings of God in the past ten years, we are taking steps now to grow our reach in the Denver area.

- Broaden the engagement in prayer among thousands of past participants in the LFC program, asking God for transformational change in the lives of people in the Denver region.
- Support our first additions to the LFC Denver leadership staff. The addition of Dan Long and Diana Murphy to our team enables us to triple the numbers of volunteer leaders being trained and expand the number of leaders engaged in GROW.
- Adding events to expand our connection points with leaders, with a particular emphasis on reaching the lost through networking and meaningful experiences with volunteer leaders and our key staff.
- Expanding our volunteer structure to grow our capacity by forming a Leadership Team, leadership development program, and action teams designed to build upon the fruitful work done to date, and sustain LFC-Denver for generations to come.

Step 3–For Multi-Generational Impact \$2,000,000

The Biblical model for impact always outlines how God's truth is transferred effectively from generation to generation, and region to region.

- Build an innovative platform for content, using today's best technology tools to reach more people and create more points of entry, with ongoing follow-up systems to better engage people at our largest events.
- Provide top-notch experiences for leaders to connect authentically, strengthening our services that impact marriage and the family.
- Implement key resources for leaders to build upon who have been involved in the ministry in the earlier stages of discipleship, including training programs, specialized materials and content, and appropriate organizational support.
- Ensure the sustainability of the LFC movement through the fourth generation, thinking multi-generationally.