



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Why did you develop Starting Point?

We developed Starting Point in response to Jesus's command to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The seven sessions are the kind of conversations Pastor Ron envisions having with a new follower of Jesus. He thinks of them as a disciple's first steps and a starting point.

Who benefits most from Starting Point?

Starting Point is first for new believers in Jesus. That's why we call it "a disciple's first steps." However, it's not just for new Christians; it's also for any believer that wants to learn how to follow Jesus better. As a pastor, Ron finds that many people in the church have never been

discipled intentionally, even though they might have been at the church every time the doors are open.

How do I access the coaching sessions by Dr. Ron Jones?

To access the coaching sessions, create an account at somethinggoodradio.org. Then, sign in to access the coaching sessions anytime, anywhere, and on demand using your smart phone, tablet, desktop, or laptop.

What is a discipleship coach?

A discipleship coach is a more experienced follower of Jesus Christ who agrees to coach or mentor you in your relationship with God using Starting Point.

How do I get connected with a discipleship coach?

If you attend Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach where Ron serves as lead pastor, we will do our best to connect you with one of our trained discipleship coaches.

If you are accessing the coaching sessions from elsewhere, we encourage you to ask a more experienced follower of Jesus in your church to serve as your discipleship coach, or someone near where you live.

Also, be creative and don't let proximity limit your possibilities. With the use of video conferencing tools like Zoom and FaceTime, your discipleship coaching experience can happen digitally. Connect with a more mature believer in Jesus you know in another state or another part of the world.

Is Starting Point small group curriculum?

Starting Point is not intended as small group curriculum. Rather, it is a discipleship coaching experience that envisions a discipleship coach working with a triad of disciples. A “triad” is defined as a discipleship coach plus 2-3 disciples gathering for conversation around a biblical topic related to following Jesus. In preparation for each conversation, the disciples watch a video coaching session led by Dr. Ron Jones and then complete a study guide.

How does a discipleship coach maintain relationship integrity when coaching a disciple?

Spiritual leaders must always act in a way that they are “above reproach” (1 Timothy 3:2). We recommended that all discipleship relationships be gender specific (men coaching men; women coaching women). We also recommend that coaches form a triad or triad+ by meeting with at least 2-3 other disciples at a time.

Is Starting Point for high school and middle school age kids?

High school and middle school age kids will absolutely benefit from the biblical content found in Starting Point. We encourage parents to use the coaching sessions to disciple their own kids, or student pastors to do the same for the students in their ministry.

I forgot my username and password? What should I do?

Go to the account sign in page on the Something Good Radio website. Click on “recover your password” and follow the prompts. Your user name is your email address.

Is Starting Point something other pastors and churches can use to disciple new Christians?

Absolutely. Nothing would please us more than to see that happening. Starting Point is available to anyone that wants to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The coaching sessions are available on demand. After creating an online account, access them anytime and anywhere on your smart phone, tablet, desktop, or laptop.

Can I reproduce the Starting Point Notes and Study Guides?

Yes, you may reproduce the Starting Point Notes and Study Guides. However, please abide by the “copyright” and “permissions” statement attached to the resources.

Must I complete Starting Point in 7 weeks?

We developed Starting Point with 7 sessions that you can easily complete in 7 weeks. However, you can also move through the coaching sessions at your own pace.

What happens when I complete Starting Point?

Let us know when you have completed the last session and we will send you a certificate of completion that also says you are now a certified discipleship coach, and that you can (and should) disciple others. We developed Starting Point as a way to make disciples of Jesus Christ who go and make disciples.

Is there a cost to Starting Point?

The discipleship coaching experiences are free to access. There is no cost and no obligation. Of course, if you choose to support the ministry with a generous financial donation, we won't stop you.