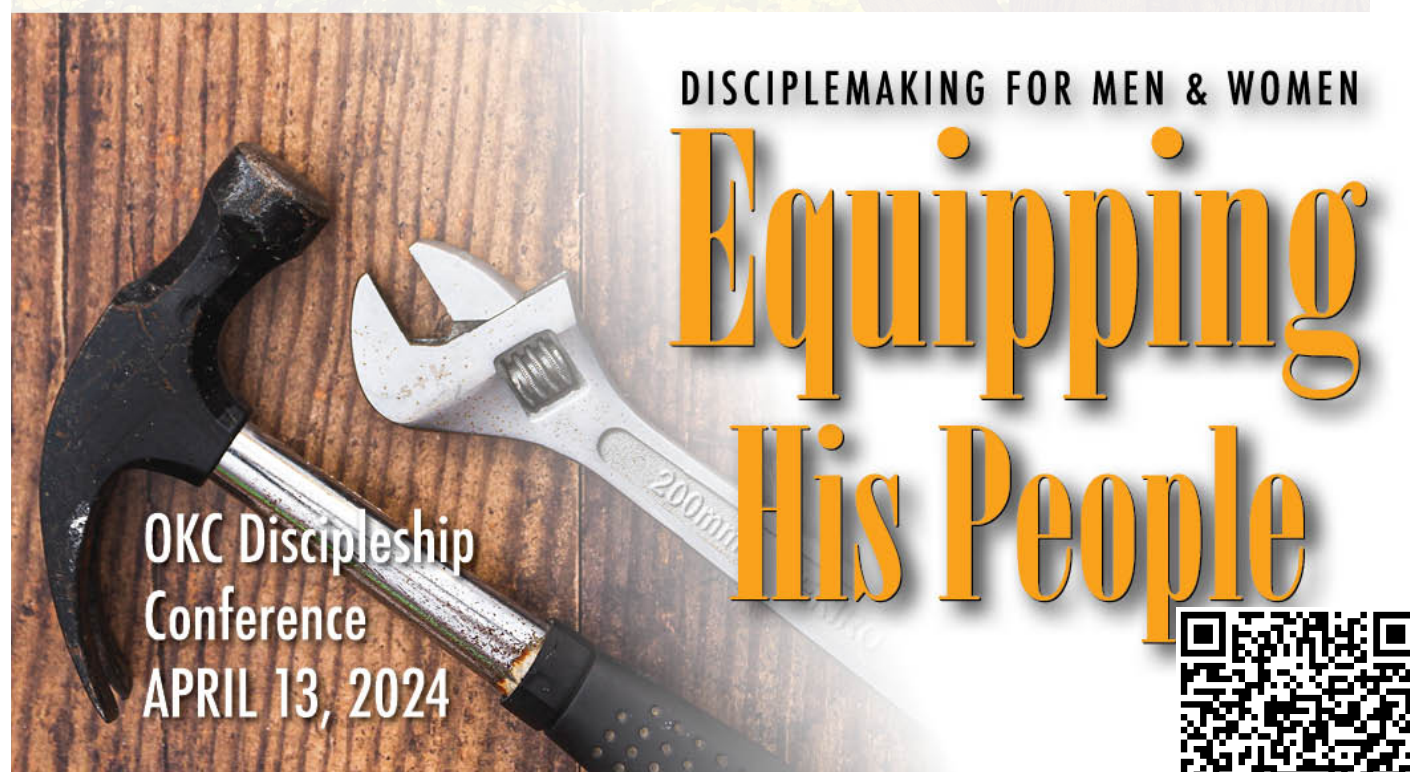




Still Drawing Pictures by Rocky Hails

There is an opportunity for all of us to be inspired, challenged, educated and encouraged—all in a few hours! Heritage is hosting the OKC Discipleship Conference April 13, from 8am to 2pm. Kirk Humphreys will be the keynote speaker, echoing the message of discipleship of one person at a time, marked by the intake of the Word and a walk “worthy of the calling” (Ephesians 4:1). Dawson Trotman explained it as, “We taught him how to fill the quiver of his heart with the arrows of God’s Word, so that the Spirit of God could lift an arrow from his heart and place it to the bow of his lips and pierce a heart for Christ.” In addition, workshops such as personal devotion, witnessing, Scripture memory, and marriage covenants will round out the day devoted to the practical disciplines of discipleship. This conference is such a great opportunity to invest in the growth of men and women who are your children, grandchildren, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and others by simply inviting them to spend some time with you intentionally investing in their own maturity and ministry. Use the QR Code below to signup!



You’re in the Sweet Spot by Lance Humphreys

Below are some of the highlights from the notes of Lance Humphreys from the March Life Adult Luncheon.

My goal: You have been encouraged and inspired to confidently charge into new territory in knowing who you are (identity) and what you are mostly supposed to be doing (purpose and calling).



Psalm 84:5-7 NIV

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. 6

As they pass through the Valley of Baka, (Valley of Weeping) they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

The theme of “life as pilgrimage” is consistent in Scripture.

1. The leadership journey is a character journey your whole life—God doesn’t need me to accomplish anything, but he wants a totally surrendered heart.
2. You start to become worth some Kingdom good in your 60s and hit your groove in your 70s and 80s (i.e., biblical record: Joshua and Caleb in their 80s and Paul writing Philippians 3 from prison in his later years. “*I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*”

The Life Adult Ministry at Heritage is dedicated to being a path for the next generation to follow in delighting in God and declaring His glory! Our aim is to 1) continue to invest our lives in deepening our intimacy with Christ Jesus, our Savior and 2) enhance our ability to minister to others through Gospel-centered lives that embrace God’s Word. We pray our lifetime of experiences and gifting blesses our families, our church and the world around us.

Upcoming Events

Guys Night, April 7

Prayer Meeting, April 7

OKC Discipleship Conf. April 13

**Waco Cowboy, Too”
April 19-21**

Life Adult Luncheon, May 19

HBC Church Picnic, May 26

No scheduled luncheon, June

Hymns & Hamburgers, July 14

Life Adult Luncheon, Aug 4

How freeing!! God doesn't need me to perform for Him and if my heart's desire is to see *"Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven,"* the Gospel, happening around me, I should expect my greatest potency/ authority in my 60s, 70s, and beyond.

Question: What difference would it make if you woke up each day with a clear sense of who you are and what God made you to do that brings Heaven to Earth everywhere you go? First, we all get to pursue the same *main thing*, intimacy with God.

Purpose and calling in layers. The top layer started getting built for me in my 20s and 30s. I started reading Oswald Chambers and A. W. Tozer and became convinced that God is, at His core, a relational being that wants an intimate relationship with me. I can know Him like He's a real person, and I committed my life to that end. If I do nothing else on this earth I want to know God. I'm not content to know about Him—I want to KNOW HIM intimately.

Pursue intimacy with God. In these days when you are in the sweetest spot, and it will spill out of you wherever you are—that will be your greatest gift.

Second, let love be your legacy starting with those closest to you.

Our legacy won't be our acumen or vocational accomplishments. Truth is, legacy built on accumulating and leaving tangible things behind is fleeting.

In the Kingdom, legacy is about faithfulness to Jesus and loving people in the special way God made us. To do that we don't have to fear death.

Our identity is secure—we're sons and daughters—we've already received the inheritance (Ephesians 1)—we're sealed with the Spirit—



we've got it! Our opportunity is to invest in people in the ways God uniquely created us to invest.

Finally, discover your unique ability. God made you to do something better than anyone else in the world. It's something you do so naturally you don't even think it's a big deal.

Some practical ideas for discovering your own unique ability—the thing that, in the sweetest years—you want to make sure you're spending most of your time doing:

1. Wisdom - the area that continues to increase as we age. Skills deteriorate but wisdom increases. The gift of presence. The gift of wise counsel.

How are you intentionally putting yourself in a position to give away wisdom and counsel in these days? Writing?
2. Marriage - your marriage has a unique ability
What is the thing you and your spouse together do better than anyone else?
3. Suffering - in our later years our places of greatest suffering become the accelerator of our unique ability. Places of greatest weakness or suffering in life, i.e., Paul's "thorn in the flesh." *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* Your place of suffering is your place of strength.
4. Desire of your heart - Write down the thing that's been on your heart your whole life but seems silly.

5. Networks and neighborhoods - The Kingdom spreads like a virus in networks and neighborhoods. Neighborhood? Hobby group? Professional group? Company? I'm eliminating networks that fit my career but don't fit my unique ability.

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6. Track record - Ask friends and family what's the thing I do better than anyone else? That's the point, you already do it, the opportunity is to lean in. Caveat: sometimes we are really good at things we aren't supposed to be doing. We can get the life sucked out of us and operate outside of our ability in things we just got good at because we had to.

Conclusion
You're in the sweetest spot of life. Embrace your primary calling for intimacy with God with a fresh fervor, confident in your identity as a son and daughter. Make sure the people closest to you are getting the best of you. And lean in to your unique ability. We need you to bring the gift that you are to the church of the city.

THE PLAN: From HBC, we travel in vans on Friday to enjoy a cookout and devotional with Dr. Elliot Johnson of Trail Ride Magazine at he and Judy's ranch.

On Saturday, we visit Homestead Craft Village to see everything from a working grist mill and blacksmith shop to dining at the Cafe Homestead. Then, we're on to Magnolia Market Silos or Mayborn Museum or Texas Rangers Museum.

On Sunday morning we join the worship with a Cowboy Church nearby. The return Sunday requires a stop at Buc-ee's for a snack or two.

Meals are provided for the trip. We are looking at a cost of **\$200/person.**

Email rocky@heritageokc.org with questions.

