

Spring Gratitude

Greetings, friend!

Although the weather is still cool in Kansas, the tulips stretching towards the sun and the birds chirping in my yard are bringing a sense of gratitude for the coming spring. I'm also grateful for each person who completed our recent IFD Ministry Certifications survey. We're carefully poring over your feedback and I look forward to sharing results with you soon. In the meantime, I'd like to lift up these words of affirmation from our learners, along with which program they participated in. If you've been waiting for inspiration to enroll in a course, perhaps this is just what you need to hear!



- *I feel like I have resources, tools, and language that Princeton Seminary (MDiv) did not give me! It has made a huge impact as pastor of Adult Formation. (Spiritual Formation)*
- *(The program) has given me additional knowledge in a number of the roles I play in the church, including being part of the music team, worship committee, and helping out in other ways. (Music Ministry and Worship Leadership)*
- *I have led several women's retreats and taught a yearlong study on women in the Bible. The content and ideas came from this certification. (Women's Ministries)*
- *Be a Disciple has changed my life! I would not be in the purpose-filled leadership/staff position I am in (now full-time Director of Discipleship) without the equipping and transformation I experienced in the Spiritual Formation and Women's Ministries programs. Truly life changing!*
- *My experiences with the instructors and other students have been beneficial; most are engaged with students and share their own thoughts, ideas, and beliefs (without suggesting we adopt them). Some instructors are riveting. While not directly related to specific programs/courses, I have to say that it was my*

connection with BeADisciple that saw me through the worst of the Covid pandemic. It gave me purpose, community and activity in those couple of years when I was basically sequestered in my home. (Women's Ministries)

Peace to you in this Lenten season,



Lori Richey
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

P.S. Could your church invest in the lives of children and young adults this summer? Find out more about hosting Project Transformation at your church by clicking [here](#).

Project Transformation Curriculum

We Need Your Help!

Word of mouth is the BEST way to engage others in the resources available at BeADisciple, and we need your help! If you'll be attending your upcoming Annual Conference gathering this spring or summer, have taken at least one course with us in the last couple years, and are willing to wear an "Ask Me About BeADisciple" button and hand out flyers, please let us know by filling out the form at [this link](#).



A big shout out to those who have already agreed to spread the good word about BeADisciple from the following conferences. We appreciate you!

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