



Nextlevel is very excited to invite you to a fresh take on our bi-annual Celebration event. We are calling this event “**TOGETHER**”. Here’s why:

1. We will bring **together** all our COVENANT GROUPS in Eastern Ontario to celebrate the transformative work God is doing in each of our lives.
2. We will bring **together** both MEN AND WOMEN who have adopted our relational model of discipleship.
 - Quietly we have been training women to effectively Launch and lead small groups using the Nextlevel communal discipleship system.
 - Some of these women were motivated by their husbands who have found their own Nextlevel groups to be relationally satisfying and spiritually beneficial.
 - Other women (single or married) have joined these groups out of a longing for deeper fellowship with sisters in Christ, and a desire to move to the next level in their spiritual formation.
3. We will bring **together** HUSBANDS AND WIVES for a social event with worship, transformation stories and great food.
 - We want you all to hear what God is doing in our current Nextlevel COUPLES group. They will share their story of the unique blessings and challenges of communal discipleship as spouses.
 - Some women may want to invite their husbands to give them an opportunity to hear and see what God is doing in our region. Or they may want to introduce them to what Nextlevel can offer them. Opportunities for involvement will be presented without pressure or expectation.
 - Some men may want to invite their wives to give them an opportunity to hear and see what God is doing in our region. Or they may want to introduce them to what Nextlevel can offer them. Opportunities for involvement will be presented without pressure or expectation.
4. We will bring **together** INVITED GUESTS to witness the powerful way God’s Spirit uses biblical community to accelerate spiritual development into Christlikeness.
 - We can’t think of a better way, or venue, to invite a friend to discover the impact and the opportunities of relational discipleship through Nextlevel Ministries.
 - In mid-late August we will send you a “Be My Guest” email invitation which you can forward to a few of your close friends.
5. We will bring **together** our STAKEHOLDERS—those who see the current fruit of this ministry as well as the potential to reach thousands more.
 - Everyone who is currently part of a Nextlevel group also holds a stake in our mission to make disciples. Each one shares in the privilege—the joyful responsibility—to contribute what they can

to fulfilling the Great Commission.

- Nextlevel is trusting God to raise the funds to hire a second full-time ministry leader. This requires a clear and compelling call to our Nextlevel family to rise up and share this gospel task.
- At this Together event we plan to unveil our "Vision 20/20". This vision-sharing will include our ministry strategy as well as our Cause-Funding Campaign that will enable us to achieve our discipleship goals.
- Our goal is to raise funds (or pledges) of \$80,000 by February 28, 2019.
- While time will be apportioned to this important aspect of our evening, it will not be out of balance with the other equally important components of the event. No pressure will be placed on any attendee, and our guests will be encouraged not to feel any responsibility to give.

TOGETHER but DISTINCT

Nextlevel is committed to our historic and primary focus on discipling men. We will continue to have events tailored just for men. However, we want to serve our sisters in Christ (including our wives, daughters, and friends) by giving them a hand up as they establish their own strategy of discipling women. We are trusting God to use this event to propel this fledgling ministry forward.

OUR EVENT PROGRAM:

- Our current plan is to begin our event by gathering together as men and women for worship, vision-casting, and some prepared testimonies.
- Then the men and women will divide up, each to their own areas, for more personal testimonies as well as ministry descriptions and opportunities.
- We will reconvene for worship and closing thoughts, and to enjoy some great food and fellowship.

SUMMARY

So we are trusting the men in our groups to recognize this event as not only a great opportunity to gather with their brothers but also as a way to honour and serve women who want to experience the kind of deep and transformative relationships we have enjoyed.

Please read through and DISCUSS this in your group. Then PRAY for God to do an establishing and expanding work of the Spirit as we move forward TOGETHER.

With deep gratitude and respect,

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