**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** The Education Committee provides resources to help FinD members and our community deepen their relationship with Christ and develop in their discipleship.

**RESOURCES PROVIDED:**

Educational opportunities specific to disciple-making or relevant issues that impact Christian men today are currently provided through various resources.

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| **FinD Bookshelf** | The Bookshelf is a collection of books, videos, and studies that FinD small groups have used and deemed “worthy” of recommending to others. Please keep in mind that this list does NOT include the greatest and most important book of all time – The Living Word of God – The Bible. Reverence for its “alone at the top” status resulted in it not even being included in the FinD list because it’s the obvious forerunner.  <https://finddiscipleship.org/bookshelf/> |
| **Educational Events** | Events are held periodically to both share discipleship insights as well as provide an opportunity for FinD fellowship and, potentially, outreach to the community. One example was the FinD Firepit Night in March of 2021.  [Fire Pit Night Recap - FinD (finddiscipleship.org)](https://finddiscipleship.org/fire-pit-night-recap/)  The evening featured guest speaker Dwight Edwards of the Grace Center for Spiritual Development who shared his perspective on “Trading Up to Your Best Life” with a focus on abiding in God’s love based on John 15.  [John 15 NIV - The Vine and the Branches - “I am the - Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+15&version=NIV) |

**GOALS FOR 2022:**

The 2022 vision for the Education Committee will build on the foundation of existing FinD resources and seek to provide speakers (external and FinD members themselves) for various events including the Annual Retreat, Fire Pit Night, Pull for Discipleship Clay Shoot, and a speaker panel event to be developed in the future.

* Survey the Discipleship Council annually to get references to books that have been favorited by at least two different FinD small groups.
* Expand and promote the existing FinD Bookshelf
* Develop and maintain a list of relevant, potential speakers for FinD events that are uniquely recognized and respected in the area of discipleship and men’s fellowship.
* Establish an annual educational event – perhaps a Wednesday or Saturday morning panel of speakers – some external and some internal.
* Support the Social Committee to organize the annual Fire Pit Night.
* Keep an eye out for movies that might be a good “educational event” for a private theater screening.
* Support the FinD Shepherds with setting up and manning the FinD info table at Toolbox West monthly luncheons at Lakeside CC.