



# Harvest Discipleship Path

Genesis 5:24 tells us that Enoch walked with God. Would you like to take a stroll with God? Would you enjoy holding His hand (Ps 73:23) as you journey through life? God loves you and has an incredible plan for your life (Eph 2:10). That plan takes effort on our part to fulfill, but the effort is simply following Jesus. At Harvest Fellowship, we want to help people follow Jesus and share Him with others. We have an intentional path that helps facilitate the accomplishment of this mission. Here are the steps you can take to follow Jesus and share Him with others in such a way that God is glorified, and you are deeply satisfied. This is a discipleship path, so think of it as a journey, a walk with God. Each marker has a relational component, because God made us with both a head and a heart. Relational discipleship is the best and Biblical way to grow. Here are the road markers to help guide you on your path: Become, Abide, Belong, and Serve.

**Become:** In order to start your journey, you have to start at the beginning. In John 3:3 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” The first thing we do is to get saved. We repent and believe. To make sure you are saved, please read the article “How Can I Be Saved?” This is a very personal part to the journey; no one else can do this for you. After you repent and believe, you get baptized. The initial outward expression of our faith in Jesus is baptism. Contact the office or pastor Larry and let us know that you are interested in baptism. Pastor Larry and his wife Elizabeth will take you out for coffee and discuss baptism with you and set up a day for the momentous event. The article “How Can I Be Saved?” also discusses baptism.

**Abide:** In your new relationship with God, you will want to learn how to grow; we call this discipleship. Start the discipleship process with Basic Training. In Basic Training we provide helpful studies you go through with a personal trainer. This is not just a course you go through; it is a one-on-one mentorship with a mature believer who will help you on your journey. Contact the office or pastor Dan to get started in this one-on-one discipleship tool.



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**Don't forget to take a break. God wants us to rest on our journey. Burnout doesn't help the kingdom. Rest, relax, and receive God's peace.**

**Belong:** When you become a believer, you become a part of a family. We grow the best together. In the book of Acts, it describes what we call the Life Group model of relational discipleship, where the disciples gathered together on Sunday morning for church and from house to house during the week for fellowship. Church on Sunday is where we worship God and hear His word preached. We also pray and fellowship. The Life Group is the main activity we have for relational discipleship, where we fellowship, have conversational Bible study, prayer, praise, and outreach. We cannot do this journey on our own; it's all about relationships (love God and one another). Learn about the Life Groups from the information posted on our website and call the office or talk to Pastor Dan to find out which Life Group might be best for you.

**Serve:** Discover your spiritual gifts and passion for ministry and share your faith. Read the article "Spiritual Gifts" and go through the Spiritual Gifts survey to find out what area of ministry God wants you to be involved in. We have a saying around here: "Everyone gets to play!" God has made you unique, which includes unique gifts and callings to best serve at Harvest Fellowship. Also, learn your style of evangelism. Once again, God has made us all unique, so He doesn't expect us all to evangelize in the same style. Watch the online video to help you understand the six different Biblical styles of evangelism, to discover how God has fashioned you to participate in His kingdom work. We are all called to be ambassadors for Jesus and fulfill the Great Commission, but we do it in our distinctive way (2 Cor 5:17-21; Mt 28:19-20). At Harvest, we want to help people follow Jesus and share Him with others.

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Don't forget to stop and smell the roses. God wants us to enjoy the creation He made just for us. A balance of service and play is what relational discipleship is all about.

These are the four road markers to help guide you on the path toward maturity. Along the way, you might want some extra help. Next, you will see some help we provide that you can take advantage of as you walk on the path of discipleship. Remember, it is a walk with God, hand in hand, not a list of tasks to accomplish. But also remember that on this walk God will call you to do things you can't do in your own strength. Don't worry; God provides the strength and wisdom as He calls you to step out into deeper water.

**Roadside Assistant #1:** Participate in the Going Deeper classes we offer periodically. Pastor Larry typically goes through one of the courses he teaches at the University of Northwestern in an abbreviated form at Harvest. These classes are free for anyone who wants to participate. Pastor Dan leads a marriage retreat each year. Other classes are offered by the pastors or deacons to help you intentionally grow in Christ (e.g., Women's studies, Men's studies, Financial seminars, Family seminars, Freedom in Christ seminar, etc.).

**Roadside Assistant #2:** Take advantage of the resources we provide for continuing education. On our website, we have several articles pastor Larry has written for our spiritual growth. Start reading the articles to further spur your growth in Christ. We also have Right Now Media available for free to every member of the church. This resource has a multitude of Bible studies, videos, articles, etc. to help you grow in Christ. We also have a great library.

**Roadside Assistant #3:** Make sure you are on track. Read the article "What Does A Mature Christian Look Like?" to see what areas you still need to work on. Ask your Life Group leader if he or she sees any areas you might be deficient in. Always ask for prayer for any areas you might be struggling in.



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God's desire is for you to grow! Harvest Discipleship path is designed to help you make intentional decisions about your next steps as a disciple of Jesus.

As you travel this intentional path toward maturity, walking hand in hand with Jesus, continue going back to the road markers you have already covered. This path will lead you to an ever-growing relationship with God and your brothers and sisters at Harvest. It will also help you to be a positive influence in this broken and needy world. Don't waste your life. Get started today!

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