

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

A disciple is someone who:

- Gathers with others in the name of Jesus
- Nurtures and grows their relationships with Jesus
- Goes into the community to share the love of Jesus

You are a disciple!

At Good Shepherd, we want you to **grow** as a **disciple of Jesus!**

Growing as a disciple takes a **lifetime.**

It is like a **journey.**

There are many people who can journey **with you** along the way.

Who are some of those people for you?



Growing as a disciple is like walking a path. Sometimes it's straight and flat – it's easy! Sometimes it has twists and turns and hills – it can be challenging! No matter what, God is always with you on your path.

Talk with a grownup and answer these questions. What are some easy ways for you to:

Gather with other people for Jesus?

Grow your relationship with Jesus?

Go and share Jesus' love with others?

What are more challenging ways for you to:

Gather with other people for Jesus?

Grow your relationship with Jesus?

Go and share Jesus' love with others?



**GOD IS ALWAYS WITH
YOU ON YOUR PATH!**

God loves you so much that God has already started to work in you- even if you didn't know it or understand it.

Wherever you are is okay! Everyone grows as a disciple in different ways and at a different pace.

God just wants all of us, even grownups, to keep growing! Let's look at some ways we can grow along the path.

Some Ways to be a BUDDING flower

- come to worship once a month
- come to G4
- come to GSUMC community events
- come to Kids Worship
- come to Club 345 or other small groups for kids
- read/listen to Bible stories or devotions occasionally
- pray at meal time
- ask questions about faith
- help others at church
- donate money
- serve at a one time event (ex. Beyond Our Walls or Rise Against Hunger)
- be kind to and respectful of others

Some ways to be BLOSSOMING flower

- attend worship 2 times a month
- attend G4
- receive communion
- invite friends to come to events
- participate in Kids Worship
- participate in Club 345 or other small groups for kids
- read/listen to Bible stories or devotions frequently
- explore different ways to talk to God and be in God's presence
- begin to see God in every day life
- pray out loud

- donate money or items to church and other special things (school supplies, food for food pantry, gifts at Christmas, etc.)
- learn about the needs of others
- participate in mission work and invite friends to join you

Some ways to be GROWING flower

- attend worship regularly and serve in worship leadership (sing in kids choir, lead the Apostle's Creed, etc.)
- help with events (lead a game, help with set up/clean up)
- invite friends to come to events or small groups for kids
- have a routine of reading/listening to Bible stories or devotions
- lead my family in devotions or prayers
- begin to make meaning of Bible stories (how do they affect your daily life)
- talk about God - where you see and experience God in everyday life
- know what your special gifts are and give using your gifts (music, art, helping younger kids, donate money, reading, writing, etc.)
- participate in a short term family mission experience

Some ways to be BLOOMING flower

- invite friends to church
- choose to be baptized if not already
- help plan events
- talk about Jesus in your daily life
- lead a discussion about Jesus in small groups
- intentionally think about how Bible stories relate to your daily life
- talk about your faith with others
- continue to explore different ways to be in relationship with God
- serve others using your special gifts
- do things for others because you know it's the right thing to do
- make intentional decisions to befriend others
- learn about missions of the church and talk about them with others

Remember: YOU ARE A DISCIPLE & GOD IS WITH YOU ON YOUR PATH!