

## Walking the Way

**Our purpose for this series:** To be reminded of the vision, mission and process God has called our church to live out as we walk with Him and each other. Using the lens of the book of Ephesians, we will find application for our walk with Christ in every sphere of life.

**Overview of the series: The five spheres of discipleship found in the book of Ephesians.**

1. Abiding in Christ (Ephesians 1:2-2:10)
2. The Church Sphere (Ephesians 3:1-4:32)
3. The Home Sphere (Ephesians 5:21-6:4)
4. The World Sphere (Ephesians 6:5-9)
5. The Spiritual Realm (Ephesians 6:10-24)

“**The Way**” is used in the New Testament as a descriptor of the Christian faith. The early Christian community was referred to as “The Way” before they were known as Christians. This term emphasizes that the Christian faith is not just a set of beliefs or ideas, but a way of living and following Jesus.

- **Acts 9:2, Acts 19:9, Acts 19:23, Acts 22:4, Acts 24:14**
- **OT references; Isaiah 30:21, Proverbs 3:6 & 12:28, Psalm 1:5-6 & 25:4-5 & 119:105**

Scripture describes *spiritual growth* in terms of *walking on a journey*.

- **Micah 6:8, John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:7**

**Our church vision:** We will reach the world for Jesus one person at a time.

**Our church mission:** We will make Biblical disciples in relational environments.

**Our process:** Share, Connect, Minister, Disciple.

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

### The Gospel

**Mark 1:1-3 (NLT)** This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began <sup>2</sup> just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. <sup>3</sup> He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’ ”

*euangelion*, “good news, good message” The good news of God’s redemption of sinful humanity through the life, death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ.

1. **Christ died. “Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said” (1 Cor. 15:3)**
2. **Christ was buried (1 Cor. 15:4)**

3. **Christ was resurrected. “He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said” (1 Cor. 15:4)**

Bill Hull states in “Conversion and Discipleship”, “*The gospel we preach determine the disciples we produce*” (31).

**The Kingdom Gospel:** This is the gospel first announced by John the Baptist: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” (**Matthew 3:2**). Jesus preached this gospel as well: “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” (**Mark 1:15**)