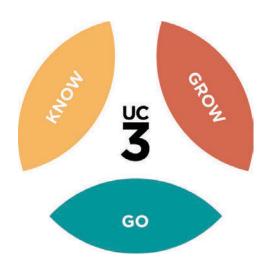


The Union Chapel

Discipleship Pathway



t Union Chapel, we believe you get the most out of life by knowing Jesus as your Savior and friend, growing in relationship with God and people, and going with the Holy Spirit in your everyday life. Simply put, we call this UC3.

At Union Chapel we want you to receive the most out of your experiences within the church and your life. The best way to do that is to take a deep dive into the UC3.

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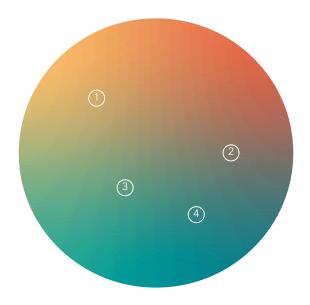
The Discipleship Pathway is intended to guide you, using practical steps, through the UC3, with the sole purpose of you growing closer to Jesus, yourself and others. This pathway is intended as a guide, not hard and fast rules. Feel free to invite others into the journey alongside you - or you may choose to travel individually. Travel through a pathway, assess yourself, and travel through again. Life can be challenging, but by abiding in Christ, life is made easier.

UC3 is a guide to help put into practice the way of following Jesus. The best way to approach these categories is to do as you can, not as you can't. Meaning that if you are challenged to read daily, but all that you can do is read three times a week, start where you can start and not where you think you should start. As you begin to practice, it will become easier.

Each area will start with a few questions. It's important to be honest and give the answer that is the most true to your current situation and not what you think others or God would want to hear. It's in the honesty and transparency that God does His best work.



It may be helpful to imagine your journey through the Discipleship Pathway as a color spectrum. Each part of the UC3 is shown different color, as sometimes these colors overlap, making it a bit challenging to clearly define the steps of growth within them. That's perfectly fine! The most profound spiritual work is often difficult to pinpoint exactly, but it can be described. We've created a visual guide for the Discipleship Pathway using a color gradient to help you generally identify which areas of growth to concentrate on. It's not an exact science, but a great starting point to deepen your understanding of Jesus, strengthen your relationship with God and others, and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in your daily life.



Memorize scripture
 Pray out loud over others
 Take a spiritual gift assessment
 Invite a friend to church

KNOW

Know Jesus as your Savior and friend.

You get the most out of life by knowing Jesus as your Savior and friend.

Before we jump into the KNOW section, it would be most helpful to define your personal purpose (and your family's purpose, if applicable). Simply put - Why are you here and what is God going to do through your life (or your family)?

To dive into the KNOW category, start by asking yourself the following questions:

- 1 Do you know Jesus as your Savior? How have you experienced Jesus as your Savior?
- 2 Do you know Jesus as your friend? When have you experienced Jesus as a friend?
- (3) What does it mean to know Jesus?
- (4) How do you get to know Jesus at a deeper level?
- (5) Why do you follow Jesus?
- 6 What are the questions that you have that you wish Jesus would answer?

John 3:16 says,

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

It's in this verse that God makes it clear that He has made a way for us to have salvation through the Savior, Jesus Christ. Whoever believes, anyone who calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved. However, the good news is that Jesus is not only our savior, but He is our friend. In John 15:13-15 Jesus says,

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you."



You have been invited into friendship with Jesus.

Think about your friends for a moment. What makes them a friend? If you think about it long enough, one of the answers would be something along the lines of familiarity. You are friends with the ones you know. We have created a few practices to help you Know Jesus at a deeper level.

Know Practices

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Invite Jesus daily into every area of life. What are the things that have been off limits to Jesus?

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Take a Spiritual Gifts assessment.



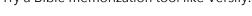
Share your results with someone. Ask them if they agree with the findings. Discover how you use your Spiritual Gifts for the good of the community.

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Memorize Scripture. What are some areas that you struggle with believing? Is it God's goodness, His provision, His love? Find some verses that point you back to the Truth.



Try a Bible memorization tool like Versify.



Union Chapel's Favorite Verses to Memorize:



Learn how to share your faith with others: You can use the 4-Quadrant Gospel Presentation that Christopher shared in this message:



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Listen to an age-appropriate message or teaching.

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Attend weekend services and individual ministry programming. Our Sunday morning services are:

- 8:30am Family Service
- 10am with UC Kids and UC 4FIVE6 services
- 11:30am with UC Kids and UC 4FIVE6 services

UC Students meets on Sundays from 6-8pm.

Explore ministry life stage options. (Couples, Young Adults, GriefShare, etc.) at UnionChapel.com.

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Spend time finding a method that helps you dig deeper into the Word. Some methods to try include:

Try the "SOAP" Bible Study Method.

Find, select, and finish a Bible reading plan on the Bible App.







For families:

- Daily reading
- Weekly Scripture memory
- Attending weekend services
- Read through a gospel each year
- Memorize the Romans Road (this gives kids a biblical understanding of salvation).





GROW

Grow in deeper relationship with God and people.

You get the most out of life by growing in relationship with God and people.

To dive into the GROW category, start by asking yourself the following questions:

- 1 Do you want to grow in your relationships with God and people? Why or why not?
- 2 Have you participated in a small group? How was that experience?
- (3) What are you asking of God? What is God asking of you?
- (4) What's challenging about your relationship with God and people right now?
- (5) What are you celebrating in your relationship with God and people right now?
- 6 What are ways you need help to grow in your relationships with God and others?

Relationships are difficult. However, relationships are the engine that God uses to draw us closer to Himself. In 1 John 4:7-12 the Bible says,

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

There's a reality, the Scripture says, that we cannot grow with God without one another. Here are a few practices to help you GROW with God and others at a deeper level:

Grow Practices

(1)

Participate in a small group. Find one in the ChurchCenter app, or start your own.



(2)

Watch videos from The Bible Project. —



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Engage in intentional questions with yourself and others.



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Practice praying for others.

- Pray out loud for someone.
- Engage in corporate prayer during services.

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Practice the Spiritual Disciplines.

Get the Workbook that accompanies Richard J. Foster's Celebration of Discipline.



On the following page you can see a brief description of each of the spiritual disciplines with some resources.

- Bible study: Read, study, memorize, and meditate on scripture.
 - R.C. Sproul Video Lessons -
 - Bible Gateway Scripture Engagement
- Prayer: Communicate with God.
- Fast: Deprive oneself of food or other distractions to spend more time with God.
- Solitude: Take time away from the world to spend time with God alone.
- Silence: Be silent in the presence of God or when around others.
- Journal: Record prayer requests, spiritual insights, or daily events.
- Worship: Participate in a worship service.
- Fellowship: Spend time with others.
- Celebration: Celebrate spiritual growth.
- Simplicity: Live simply.
- Submission: Submit to God.
- Confession: Admit your sins.
- Guidance: Seek guidance from God







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Attend couples/special interest gatherings.

Apologetics (Defending the faith: Why do we follow Jesus?)

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 Examen (Invite Jesus to help you reflect on your day).
- (9) Lectio Divina (Read, Meditate, Pray, Contemplate).
- Tithe or learn about Biblical Stewardship. Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University or Ron Blue Institute are great places to start.
- For Families:
 - Quiet time practice.
 - Scripture Memorization —



- Scripture Memory to start at any age Pre-K & Up
 - Psalm 23
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - Discipleship
 - John 8:31-38
 - Matthew 28:16-20
 - Luke 9:23-24
 - John 13:34-35
 - Hebrews 3:12-14
 - Understanding their Faith
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Acts 1:8
 - Romans 10:14-17
 - Philippians 4:6-9
 - Galatians 5:23-24
- Daily Reading Plan
- Home Groups (4FIVE6 small groups)
- 4FIVE6 Engagement outside of Sunday mornings:
 - Camp
 - Fall Retreat



GO

Go with the Holy Spirit in your everyday life

You get the most out of life by going with the Holy Spirit in your everyday life.

To dive into the GO category, start by asking yourself the following questions:

- (1) Where do you see The Holy Spirit working?
- 2 Where do you sense that The Holy Spirit is inviting you to join Him in His work?
- (3) Who are the people that you're sharing Jesus with?
- 4 Who are the people that you're inviting to Union Chapel?
- (5) What risks are the Holy Spirit leading you to take?
- 6 What questions or reservations do you have about going with The Holy Spirit?

Perhaps one of the most well-known verses in the Bible about going, is found in Matthew 28:19-20 which says,

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

There is a reality that we are not meant to stay within the four walls of the Church, but rather we are to go. You are encouraged to join the Holy Spirit as you are going into the things that you are already doing. Make a shift from doing things for God to doing things with God. Here are a few practices to help you GO with the Holy Spirit in your everyday life at a deeper level.

Go Practices

Invite a friend, coworker, family, or neighbor to attend service with you.

Serve in a ministry at Union Chapel. You can sign up in the Church Center App here!



- Serve in the community.
- Bring a friend, coworker, family, or neighbor to an event.
- Sign up to learn more about foster care and/or adoption.
- (6) Attend a mission trip.
- Participate in SERVE.

Go Practices

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Invite the Holy Spirit into the things that you are already doing. Join God where He is already working.

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Share your testimony with friends, coworkers, family.



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Serve those who are different from you.

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Care for the vulnerable in our community.

- Care Portal Meeting needs of current foster families.
- Family Hope Coming alongside parents and kids who are at risk and providing support.

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Connect people with larger organizations - IJM (International Justice Mission), A21 (Abolishing Slavery in the 21st Century), etc.

Go Practices

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Invest your life in someone. Some examples: couples mentoring, leading a small group, offering to meet someone for coffee once a month, and inviting people into the things you're already doing.

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Have someone invest in your life.

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For Families:

- Leadership Training
- Practical ways to serve and share the gospel —
- Bake cookies and give to your neighbor
- Volunteer at church/community
- Invite friends to church
- Share your testimony
- Volunteer in Early Childhood, on the Worship team, or with the First Impressions team (go)
- Volunteer at Nursing Home with 4FIVE6 (go)
- Invite someone to 4FIVE6 or an event
- Write out your testimony







