

Find Your Place

DISCIPLESHIP

at The Woodlands Methodist Church

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Reach People for Jesus
Disciple Them in Faith
Help Those in Need



Hello and Welcome!

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, we believe every follower of Jesus is called to grow in faith, live in community and take part in God's work in the world. Discipleship is not simply one program we offer; it is the way we learn to follow Jesus with our whole lives.

In Romans 12:5, the Apostle Paul reminds us that "in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." That is the heart behind this guide. You are not meant to walk the journey of faith alone.

Our mission at The Woodlands Methodist Church is clear: reach people for Jesus, disciple them in faith and help those in need. Discipleship is how that mission takes root in us. It is how we grow deeper in Scripture, become more attentive to the Holy Spirit, build meaningful relationships, serve with purpose and become more like Jesus in our everyday lives.

We know that finding your place can feel overwhelming in a church as large and full of opportunities as ours. That is why this guide was created. Whether you are looking for a Bible study, Home Group, accountability group, mentoring relationship or a community of people in a similar season of life, there is a next step for you.

Your presence matters. Your gifts matter. Your growth matters. And there is a place for you here. My prayer is that as you explore these opportunities, you will discover not only a class to attend or a group to join, but a deeper sense of belonging, purpose and calling. Thank you for taking the time to explore discipleship at The Woodlands Methodist Church. I encourage you to ask questions, take a step and trust that God will meet you as you do.

We can't wait to see how God will continue to grow you, use you and help you find your place.

With joy and gratitude,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark'.

Rev. Mark Sorensen

Senior Pastor,

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Discipleship





Discipleship at The Woodlands Methodist Church

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, discipleship is more than attending a class or checking a box; it's the way we are called to live out our faith together. To be a "disciple" means to follow Jesus and order our whole lives around Him to become the people God intends us to be. With open Bibles, a willing heart and people who walk alongside us, we discover what it's like to live out our faith in our everyday life — to grow, to serve and to give back. Our mission at The Woodlands Methodist Church is clear: reach people for Jesus, disciple them in faith and help those in need. When we are engaged in discipleship, real growth happens, lives deepen, relationships strengthen and our impact on our community and world increases. Whether you've been following Jesus for decades or are newly considering a relationship with God, we have a place for you.

You Were Made for More

Discipleship is not about attending more events. It's about becoming more like Jesus.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, we believe you cannot experience Christ and remain the same.

This guide is designed to help you take your next step — not by overwhelming you with options, but by helping you discover where you belong.

What Is Discipleship?

**IT'S MORE THAN INFORMATION.
IT'S TRANSFORMATION.**

Discipleship is the lifelong process of:

- Learning the way of Jesus
- Living in community
- Loving God's Word
- Being transformed from the inside out

It doesn't happen in one place or one program. It happens through intentional environments designed to help you grow.

Faith Foundations

CO-ED OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND LEARN TOGETHER IN FAITH

Faith Foundations offers co-ed learning opportunities to build a stronger foundation for your faith. This is accomplished through studies* that help you understand Scripture, explore the rich heritage of our Wesleyan tradition, grow in sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, and deepen your daily walk with Christ. Whether you're seeking biblical knowledge, spiritual growth, practical wisdom for life and finances, or a greater sense of God's calling, Faith Foundations offers opportunities to grow in both Biblical knowledge and discipleship.

**Studies are offered for a defined season within a flexible learning pathway.*

Connect Classes

GET CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER AND GOD ON SUNDAYS

For many people, Sunday morning is the easiest and most natural time to connect with others. Connect Classes provide a way to worship, study Scripture and build community all in one rhythm.

These ongoing classes meet before, during or after worship services and are designed for adults who want a consistent place to grow in faith. Each class studies the Bible through a rotating curriculum and different teachers, allowing participants to explore Scripture, ask questions and continue learning throughout the year.

But Connect Classes are more than a place to sit and listen. They are communities where people know one another, pray for one another, care for one another and serve together. Many participate in mission opportunities and fellowship gatherings, creating the feel of a smaller church family within the larger church.





Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry at The Woodlands Methodist Church creates space for women to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships and encourage one another in every season of life. Scripture reminds us again and again that God forms His people in community. In Romans 16, Paul names women who served, led, hosted, taught and labored for the gospel. Their faithfulness reminds us that women have always played a vital role in the life and mission of the church.

Through Bible studies, book clubs, events, and mission trips, women at TWMC are invited to know God more deeply and walk alongside one another in Christ-centered community. These spaces allow women to open Scripture together, pray honestly, share wisdom and find encouragement for everyday life. We believe women grow stronger in faith when they are rooted in God's Word and are surrounded by others who remind them they are not walking alone.

Women's Ministry provides for women from all stages of life, walks of faith, and backgrounds a place to belong.

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry at The Woodlands Methodist Church exists to help men grow as followers of Jesus and become men of Christ-like character. Scripture calls men to courage, humility, wisdom, integrity and love. Proverbs 27:17 reminds us that "as iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," and men need places where that kind of encouragement and growth can happen.

Through Quest, Bible studies, small groups, gatherings, and mission trips, Men's Ministry provides opportunities to build authentic friendships, have honest conversations and encourage one another in faith. These spaces are designed for men in every season of life, whether they are leading families, navigating work, facing challenges, seeking purpose or simply looking for stronger community.

Men's Ministry is not about having everything figured out. It's about being in community with men who are seeking to follow Jesus faithfully. It offers a space for connection, spiritual growth and to ask real questions.





Home Groups

LIFE-GIVING COMMUNITIES THAT MEET IN HOMES

From the earliest days of the church, followers of Jesus gathered in homes to share meals, pray, learn the apostolic teachings, and encourage one another in faith. Acts 2 describes believers devoting themselves to Scripture, fellowship, prayer and life together, and that same pattern continues to shape Christian community today.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, Home Groups provide a place to know others and be known. In these smaller communities, people gather regularly to pray for one another, share their lives, and practice following Jesus together. Home Groups are where friendships deepen, burdens are carried, victories are celebrated, and faith becomes part of everyday life.

Home Groups are one of the best ways to find meaningful connection. We believe discipleship happens best when people walk alongside one another, and Home Groups create space for that kind of life-giving community.

Bands

SAME-GENDER GROUPS FOCUSED ON SPIRITUAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRAYER

Bands are small groups designed for deeper spiritual friendship, prayer and accountability. Rooted in the Methodist tradition, this practice reflects John Wesley's belief that Christians grow best when they are honest with God and each other. James 5:16 reminds us to "confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." Banding creates space for that kind of honest, grace-filled growth.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, bands are typically groups of three to five men or women who meet regularly to read Scripture, pray, encourage one another and ask meaningful questions about life with God. These groups are not about judgment or having all the answers. They are about creating a trusted space where people can name what is real, receive prayer and pursue holiness together.

Bands are for anyone who desires a more intentional rhythm of spiritual growth, accountability and friendship as they seek to follow Jesus more faithfully.

Spiritual Mentors

A TRUSTED COMPANION FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Spiritual Mentoring is the gift of having someone walk alongside you as you grow in faith. Throughout Scripture, we see God shaping people through intentional relationships: Moses and Joshua, Naomi and Ruth, Elijah and Elisha, Paul and Timothy. Faith is strengthened when we have people who help us listen for God's voice, return to Scripture, pray through life's questions and take faithful next steps.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, spiritual mentors are trained to listen with compassion, pray with purpose and encourage others through the wisdom of Scripture and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. A mentor does not have all the answers. Instead, a mentor offers a caring presence, thoughtful questions, personal encouragement and faithful support.

This process is designed to create meaningful and supportive relationships. Mentors and mentees are carefully matched so that each person has space for honest conversation, spiritual growth, accountability and prayer.

Whether you are new to faith or longing to follow Jesus more closely, Spiritual Mentoring offers someone to invest in you, one step at a time.



Single Life Ministry

Single Life Ministry is a place for single adults to gather in community, grow in Christ, and go make a difference. Scripture teaches that every season of life has purpose, dignity, and a calling. The apostle Paul reminds the church that singleness is not a waiting room for faithfulness but a meaningful season in which a person can love God, serve others, and live with deep purpose.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, Single Life Ministry provides opportunities for single adults to build friendships, study Scripture, serve together and enjoy community. Through Bible studies, social gatherings, service projects and special events, single adults can connect with others who understand their season of life, share a desire to grow in faith, and enjoy having fun together.

Whether you're newly single or have been single for a while and are looking for a community of believers in the same phase of life, there is a place for you here.

Marriage and Parenting Ministry

Marriage and parenting are two of the most meaningful and formative relationships in life. Scripture begins with a marriage in the garden and ends with the wedding celebration of Christ and His Church. Throughout the Bible, we see that family relationships are places where love, faithfulness, forgiveness, patience and grace are practiced day by day.

At The Woodlands Methodist Church, we offer resources, classes, programs and encouragement for couples and parents in every season. Whether you are preparing for marriage, seeking to strengthen or restore your relationship, raising children, navigating challenges, or entering a new stage of family life, we will walk alongside you.

Healthy marriages and families strengthen the church and bless the wider community. We believe Christ belongs at the center of our homes, shaping the way we love, forgive, lead, listen and grow. Marriage and Parenting Ministry helps couples and families take faithful next steps with biblical wisdom, practical support and a caring community around them.





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