



The King's Way is a discipleship community created at LifePointe Church with the purpose of fostering transformation in the lives of everyday believers. The King's Way is a three month experience built around shared experience in community and a clear pathway for growing as a disciple of Jesus. The prayer is that more and more everyday believers would grow into their identity and purpose in Jesus through intentional discipleship.

STUDENT MANUAL

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Important Dates

Spring Semester 2026

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| Kickoff Night | February 1 |
| Second Session | March 1 |
| Jesus is Worthy Conference | March 27-28 |
| Last Sunday Night | April 12 |

*There is no cost for The King's Way except for the expectation of being at Jesus is Worthy Conference. We believe this to be an important weekend in the 3 month experience. There will be a special gathering for those that are a part of The King's Way during the conference.

VISION - MISSION - VALUES

Vision

To create a community of everyday believers who are growing in their discipleship to King Jesus.

Mission

We exist to develop people into their identity in Christ, their calling to intimacy with Christ, and their capacity to be used by God.

Values

The Presence of God
We are Family
Faith-Filled Risks
Lifestyle Christianity
Authenticity
Generosity as a Lifestyle
Honor

EXPECTATIONS

We are so thankful for your “yes” to Jesus. We are excited for you to experience three months of tremendous growth in your walk with Jesus. We believe these next three months will be marked by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as you intentionally submit your heart and life to Jesus in a fresh way. Whether you have walked with Jesus for decades or are brand new to following Jesus, we all will have ways that the Lord is maturing us and calling us deeper.

Before we get started, we would like to take a moment to clarify what The King’s Way is, and is not. This will help us all to have proper expectations for the next three months and help all be on the same page.

What Is The King’s Way?

The modern church is in need of believers that take seriously His command to love Him with all that they are. We prioritize and desire faithfulness, waiting on the Lord, commitment to a community, and the authentic fire of God that changes people. Our desire is to create an environment where everyday believers can intentionally engage in the way of King Jesus, in ways that fit their everyday life and the rhythms of our church family. This means that much of The King’s Way is built around things we are already organized around as a church, and the King’s Way community is intentionally committing to engaging in many of these aspects of our church community for a period of three months. Our prayer is that these next three months will result in greater intimacy with Christ, a greater sense of identity in Him, and a burden for the purpose of God in your life.

The King’s Way is really about intentionality. When we don’t have a plan or lack organization, we fail to reach our potential. But God’s grace in community is revealed when we intentionally commit to something for a period of time, giving ourselves an opportunity to be transformed.

We are calling The King’s Way a community because we do believe that there will be relationships formed in the next three months that become lifelong friendships. We believe we are meant to follow the way of Christ with other people, and a major part of this discipleship track in our church is about fostering community and relationships.

You will find over these next three months that your hunger for Jesus will grow as you intentionally place yourself in an environment of Jesus-loving people. Our prayer is that the next three months will be significant in your walk with the Lord.

What The King's Way is Not?

The King's Way is not about being perfect. The goal of the Christian life is not mastery, it is dependence on God. The lessons and skills you learn the next three months will be just the beginning of a fresh chapter of growth and maturity in Christ. If done right, the next three months will release an unending hunger inside of you for more of God.

The King's Way is not about checking boxes. The King's Way is a structured environment to fuel growth but the growth only happens if we engage in the structure in the right way. Human nature can be to go through motions and check boxes, but that misses the opportunity. We ask participants in the King's Way to engage with humble and hungry hearts, ready to learn and grow.

The King's Way is not primarily about information. The purpose of this community is not to impart only information, but to facilitate growth. Learning that begins as a concept will always be backed by experience and application. That is why we have created a three month combination of information, structure, relationships, and purposeful time in the Presence of Jesus.

Open Communication

It is important that we all respect peoples' time and commitment to the Lord. Our policy is that if something comes up and you are unable to meet an expectation or date, or time, that you communicate that to pastoral staff. Dates, times, and assignments are laid out in advance so please plan ahead and communicate anything you are unable to do. When communication happens, there is grace available. When communication is absent, it increases the difficulty for the entire community.

Note Taking

Participants who take 'good notes' over the next three months will always be thankful to have those notes for years to come! Note taking is a requirement during teachings. Participants will be required to reflect on and respond to teachings. Therefore note taking is a necessary part of the learning experience. Along with notetaking is asking good questions. If questions pertaining to the topic come up, please do not hesitate to ask.

Bible Reading Plan

We are transformed through the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2) and therefore a major part of our transformation the next three months will be through our time in Scripture. We are providing a three month Bible Reading Plan that participants are required to follow along with. The reading plan is such that we move slowly through Scripture giving time for the truth to be revealed to us. We will follow an acronym S.O.A.P. for the Bible Reading Plan.

Scripture - Read the Scripture and seek to understand it.

Observation - Take note of any observations you make (i.e., things that stand out to you, things that make you curious to learn more about).

Application - Take note of what this observation means to your life. What is it that Jesus is saying through His written Word.

Prayer - Take time to pray into the Scripture, Observation, and Application. This final step is crucial in the Word doing its lasting work in you.

Sunday Night Gatherings

We are excited about a community gathering around the teaching of God's Word. Three Sunday nights are part of the King's Way community. These nights will be a time for extended time in the Word, impartation and ministry to participants, and relationships. The dates for this semester are as follows:

February 1, 2026, March 1, 2026, and April 12, 2026

House of Prayer

Our church is established around regular rhythms in corporate prayer. Part of the experience in the King's Way is to commit to time in House of Prayer. As part of the King's Way each participant will need to submit the planned hours to come and be a part of House of Prayer, **in person**. At each Sunday Night Gathering we will submit our commitment for the following month to House of Prayer. This environment is meant to be an atmosphere of accountability and structure but not legalism.

City Lights

We grow by being stretched! Growing in the Lord isn't just about acquiring more, it's also about giving out what we are receiving from Him. This is why we are making City Lights a part of the King's Way experience. Each month participants are expected to commit to one City Lights per month. These dates will be communicated in advance. As a community we will champion sharing the gospel in our city and we will see God do amazing things.

Cohort Meetings

We want to foster relationships amongst those who are a part of the King's Way. Once a week participants will gather in person or via Zoom to discuss and process things they are learning. Groups will be made up of 6-8 participants. The cohort will be led by a discussion leader and questions that will be assigned to the group to talk through. The cohort will last 60 minutes and will honor the time allotted. The expectation is that participants make their cohort time and participate enthusiastically. Cohorts will be assigned at the first Sunday Night Gathering.

Assigned Reading and Sermons

We will assign additional reading and sermons to fuel your hunger for Jesus this semester. These readings and sermons will be assigned at the beginning of the semester. We know that everyone reads and processes at different paces so plan accordingly. The King's Way is designed for everyday believers who already have full lives. Therefore we encourage you to plan ahead and work the extra reading/sermons into your "coming and going."

Retreat Experience

Each semester the King's Way will be marked by a Retreat Experience. We believe this has the opportunity to be a significant part of the transformation. For Spring Semester this experience is worked into the Jesus is Worthy Conference where participants are expected to attend the conference and grow in the Lord. There will be a special gathering that takes place during Jesus is Worthy Conference. For Fall Semester, participants will have an overnight retreat to grow in relationships and solidify the work of the Lord in their life. **There is a required cost for this component.**

Participants with Children

We do expect that participants in the King's Way to coordinate their own childcare. This is a short term community that is not coordinating the workings of childcare for participants. Please take that into full consideration before signing this agreement. The exception to this would be infants that are nursing.

Agreement to Expectations in The King's Way

I have reviewed the expectations and agree with their importance. If something comes up concerning any of the above expectations, I will be in open communication with the pastoral staff.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

A LIFESTYLE OF HUNGERING FOR GOD

It is incredible, isn't it? You have set aside the next three months to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. The Psalmist prayed in Psalm 42, "When can I go and meet with God?" God has already heard your heart cry and He is ready to take you into deeper places of intimacy with Him.

Jesus said, "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life (Matthew 7:14)" and "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied (Matthew 5:6)." The King's Way is going to be a narrow way. It's going to be a season of hungering for God more than the things of this world.

Therefore, in order to minimize distractions, renew our minds, and prepare our hearts to receive from God, the King's Way has a few codes of conduct in place to help students focus on Jesus and His transformation in you. These standards are listed on the following pages.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Students will seek to become “imitators of God (Ephesians 5:1).” Our school is intended to be an environment where students run after purity - not to earn God’s favor or blessing, but out of a desire to build greater intimacy with Jesus and longevity in the Kingdom.

Behavior

We are asking that your behavior reflect Christ-likeness. Pastoral staff reserve the right to dismiss anyone from the program who does not exhibit Biblical standards in their lifestyle, including but not limited to situations involving finances, sexual misconduct, gossip, rebellion, or slander. If a student were to be confronted on an issue, the result of discipline would be warning, suspension or immediate dismissal from the King’s Way.

Respect & Honor

We want our school to be an environment of respect and honor (Romans 12:10). First, we expect that healthy conflict will happen between individuals in the Body of Christ and also know that there may be times when a participant and a staff person may have a disagreement or issue to discuss. If you have an issue with someone while in the King’s Way, it is of paramount importance that you pray for them and reach out relationally with a heart of love in a quick time frame. Failure to resolve relational conflict may limit the work of God in your life over the next three months.

Furthermore, we ask that you honor the speakers during Sunday Night Gatherings and the investment our staff has put into this process. Therefore, we ask that participants refrain from distracting themselves and others during class time. These distractions include, talking, passing notes, working on material and assignments, working on another church-related ministry, cell phones, computers, or personal electronic devices. This includes text messaging, personal email, social media or messaging apps. In class we ask that students turn all devices to airplane mode, silent, or off (not vibrate). Especially when a guest speaker is brought in, ultimate respect and honor are expected.

Discipline Policy

The goal of the King’s Way is to bring personal transformation into your life so that God can use you to change nations and the world around you. Part of this transformation process includes submitting to the process. There will be consequences if policies are violated or if a participant has a moral failure. At the

discretion of the staff, the result of discipline could be a warning, suspension, or immediate dismissal.

Moral Issues

Moral issues including behavior, dating, sexuality, alcohol use, gray areas, and respect for authority will be discussed on an as-needed basis. There is an understanding that we are all “in-process” and God is refining various areas of our lives. At the same time, a moral failure that disqualifies a student from Biblical standards of leadership set forth in the New Testament, or an issue with rebellion could result in immediate dismissal from the King’s Way.

Student Agreement to Standards of Conduct:

I have reviewed the Standards of Conduct within this Manual, and I agree to conduct myself accordingly.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading Plan

Purpose: We desire to be immersed in the Word of God. This semester we will immerse ourselves in the Gospel of John. This rich biography of Jesus will transform the way we see Jesus, as He is exalted as the only Son of God.

Days 1–10: The Word Became Flesh (John 1–2)

- Day 1: John 1:1–5 | The Eternal Word
- Day 2: John 1:6–13 | The Light of Men
- Day 3: John 1:14–18 | The Word Made Flesh
- Day 4: John 1:19–28 | John the Baptist's Mission
- Day 5: John 1:29–34 | Behold the Lamb of God
- Day 6: John 1:35–42 | The First Disciples
- Day 7: John 1:43–51 | Come and See
- Day 8: John 2:1–11 | The Wedding at Cana
- Day 9: John 2:12–17 | Cleansing the Temple
- Day 10: John 2:18–25 | Jesus' Authority Questioned

Days 11–20: Born of the Spirit (John 3–4)

- Day 11: John 3:1–8 | You Must Be Born Again
- Day 12: John 3:9–15 | The Son of Man Lifted Up
- Day 13: John 3:16–21 | God So Loved the World
- Day 14: John 3:22–30 | He Must Increase
- Day 15: John 3:31–36 | The Supremacy of Christ
- Day 16: John 4:1–9 | The Woman at the Well
- Day 17: John 4:10–18 | Living Water
- Day 18: John 4:19–26 | True Worship
- Day 19: John 4:27–42 | Many Believe in Samaria
- Day 20: John 4:43–54 | Healing the Official's Son

Days 21–30: The Authority of the Son (John 5–6)

- Day 21: John 5:1–9 | Healing at Bethesda
- Day 22: John 5:10–18 | The Sabbath Controversy
- Day 23: John 5:19–30 | The Son Gives Life
- Day 24: John 5:31–47 | Witnesses to the Son
- Day 25: John 6:1–15 | Feeding the 5,000
- Day 26: John 6:16–24 | Walking on Water
- Day 27: John 6:25–35 | The Bread of Life
- Day 28: John 6:36–51 | The Father's Will

Day 29: John 6:52–59 | Eating His Flesh
Day 30: John 6:60–71 | Words of Eternal Life

Days 31–40: The Light of the World (John 7–8)

Day 31: John 7:1–13 | Jesus and the Festival
Day 32: John 7:14–24 | Righteous Judgment
Day 33: John 7:25–36 | Where I Am, You Cannot Come
Day 34: John 7:37–44 | Rivers of Living Water
Day 35: John 7:45–52 | Division and Unbelief
Day 36: John 8:1–11 | The Woman Caught in Adultery
Day 37: John 8:12–20 | I Am the Light of the World
Day 38: John 8:21–30 | You Will Die in Your Sin
Day 39: John 8:31–47 | The Truth Will Set You Free
Day 40: John 8:48–59 | Before Abraham Was, I Am

Days 41–50: The Good Shepherd (John 9–11)

Day 41: John 9:1–12 | The Man Born Blind
Day 42: John 9:13–23 | The Pharisees Investigate
Day 43: John 9:24–41 | Spiritual Sight
Day 44: John 10:1–10 | The Gate for the Sheep
Day 45: John 10:11–21 | The Good Shepherd
Day 46: John 10:22–30 | My Sheep Hear My Voice
Day 47: John 10:31–42 | One with the Father
Day 48: John 11:1–16 | The Death of Lazarus
Day 49: John 11:17–37 | I Am the Resurrection
Day 50: John 11:38–44 | Lazarus Raised from the Dead

Days 51–60: The Hour Has Come (John 12–13)

Day 51: John 11:45–57 | The Plot to Kill Jesus
Day 52: John 12:1–11 | Mary Anoints Jesus
Day 53: John 12:12–19 | The Triumphal Entry
Day 54: John 12:20–36 | The Son of Man Glorified
Day 55: John 12:37–50 | Belief and Unbelief
Day 56: John 13:1–11 | Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet
Day 57: John 13:12–20 | Do as I Have Done
Day 58: John 13:21–30 | Betrayal Revealed
Day 59: John 13:31–38 | Love One Another
Day 60: John 14:1–7 | The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Days 61–70: The Promise of the Spirit (John 14–17)

Day 61: John 14:8–14 | Whoever Has Seen Me
Day 62: John 14:15–26 | The Holy Spirit Promised
Day 63: John 14:27–31 | My Peace I Give to You

- Day 64: John 15:1–8 | The True Vine
- Day 65: John 15:9–17 | Abide in My Love
- Day 66: John 15:18–27 | The World's Hatred
- Day 67: John 16:1–11 | The Work of the Spirit
- Day 68: John 16:12–24 | Sorrow Will Turn to Joy
- Day 69: John 16:25–33 | Take Heart, I Have Overcome
- Day 70: John 17:1–5 | Jesus Prays for Glory

Days 71–80: The Prayer and the Passion (John 17–19)

- Day 71: John 17:6–19 | Jesus Prays for His Disciples
- Day 72: John 17:20–26 | Jesus Prays for All Believers
- Day 73: John 18:1–11 | Jesus Arrested
- Day 74: John 18:12–27 | Peter Denies Jesus
- Day 75: John 18:28–38 | Jesus Before Pilate
- Day 76: John 18:39–19:7 | Behold the Man
- Day 77: John 19:8–16 | The Crucifixion Sentence
- Day 78: John 19:17–27 | The Cross of Christ
- Day 79: John 19:28–37 | It Is Finished
- Day 80: John 19:38–42 | Jesus Laid in the Tomb

Days 81–90: The Risen Lord (John 20–21)

- Day 81: John 20:1–10 | The Empty Tomb
- Day 82: John 20:11–18 | Jesus Appears to Mary
- Day 83: John 20:19–23 | Jesus Appears to the Disciples
- Day 84: John 20:24–31 | Blessed Are Those Who Believe
- Day 85: John 21:1–14 | Breakfast by the Sea
- Day 86: John 21:15–17 | Do You Love Me?
- Day 87: John 21:18–23 | Follow Me
- Day 88: John 21:24–25 | That You May Believe
- Day 89: Reflection Day | Review what you've learned about Jesus
- Day 90: Worship & Prayer | Respond with thanksgiving and surrender