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Follow Jesus
Be changed by Jesus
Guide others to Jesus

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will
send you out to fish for people." At once
they left their nets and followed him.*

Matthew 4:19–20



THE DISCIPLESHIP **PATHWAY**

Whenever people walk into a church, they have several questions on their minds. Questions such as: Will I find friends here? Will I find answers to my faith questions? Will this community walk with me through the challenges I face? Will I meet people who will help me discover who Jesus is and what a relationship with Him looks like? Will I be able to grow in my faith and understanding of God here? These are all great questions. We're here to walk with you to find answers to your questions and to grow your understanding of what it means to know and follow Jesus and to love people like Jesus loves people.

Willingdon exists to guide all those who call this church home to “know Jesus Christ personally and to carry on His ministry.”

Knowing Jesus personally is a description of a relationship that begins when we choose to respond to His grace and follow Him. We have developed a 4-phase **pathway** to help you identify where you are in the journey of knowing Jesus personally and following Him. The questions we've developed around each step of the pathway will help you identify your place in your spiritual journey.

The second half of Willingdon's mission expresses our desire to live out the truths Jesus taught and the life He invites us to live. It is putting our relationship with Jesus into action.

In addition to the pathway, we have provided different opportunities to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and to learn how to carry on His ministry.

As you read through the following pages, take time to consider where you are in your spiritual journey and which group context would be the best place to grow in your faith and relationships.

Willy Reimer
Discipleship Ministries Team Leader

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EXPLORER

I'M CURIOUS. WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY ABOUT?

I'm wondering who Jesus is and why people worship Him.

I'm checking out Christianity and I am not sure if I want to
commit to following Jesus.

I have questions about faith and need answers.

I'm wondering how people who claim to follow
Jesus behave.



If you classify yourself as an Explorer, the best place for you to connect could be in an Alpha or a “Discovering Jesus” group. These group experiences will help answer your questions in a setting where others have questions similar to yours. You may also want to join a Community Group that meets regularly to develop relationships with other Willingdon folks in a more social atmosphere. Community Groups aim to help you connect with others by giving you an opportunity to meet new people and to join a Life or Discipleship Group.

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HIKER

I'VE MADE A DECISION TO
FOLLOW JESUS,
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT
THAT ALL INVOLVES

I'm learning the basics of what I need to know to
follow Jesus.

I'm looking to understand foundational practices
like how to read my Bible, how to pray, and how grace
transforms my life.

I'm joining a group that is growing in faith together.



If you have decided to trust Jesus as the One who forgave your sin, removed your shame, and gave you victory over death - you've made a very important, life changing decision! If you classify yourself as a HIKER, there are many great groups for you to connect with: join a Community Group, a Life Group and/or a Discipleship Group. You may want to learn more about the implications of your life changing decision by taking one of the Discovering Series such as **Discovering a Walk with Jesus** or **Discovering Baptism**. You may be interested in discovering the spiritual gifts God has given you and finding your place of service in the church (**Discovering Your Place in Ministry**) or in joining the membership of Willingdon as your home church (**Discovering the Church Family**).

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CLIMBER

I'M CONQUERING
CHALLENGES IN MY FAITH
AS I TRUST GOD IN
LIFE & MINISTRY

I'm enjoying expressing my faith by serving God through
the gifts He has given me.

I'm prioritizing my time with God and increasingly following
His leading in all areas of my life.

I see life as a journey with people who intentionally help
each other grow in faith and ministry.



As a CLIMBER you've developed some spiritual habits that are growing your relationship with Jesus as you take steps to increase your faith. You have experienced answers to prayer and are beginning to share your faith and serve in your areas of giftedness and passion. Your heart for the things God cares about is growing. Perhaps it is time for you to step out in leadership of a Discipleship Group, a Life Group, or help with leading a Community Group. As you step into obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, God will continue to guide you and build your faith. Perhaps you want to grow your biblical knowledge by taking a Willingdon School of the Bible course. Maybe you're interested in joining a Willingdon Short Term Mission Team or joining a community outreach team or prayer team. As a CLIMBER you're entering the exciting period of seeing Jesus work in and through your life in new and exciting ways.

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Willingdon School of the Bible & Ministry

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A man in a blue shirt and climbing gear, holding a rope, is the background image. Overlaid on this is a topographic map with green contour lines and elevation numbers (1600, 1800, 2000, 2200, 2400, 2600, 2800, 3000).

GUIDE

I FOLLOW JESUS AND TRAIN PEOPLE TO BE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES

I'm intentionally guiding others to give away what
Jesus has given them.

I guide people to move from being explorers, to hikers,
to climbers, and to guides.

I seek to live a life surrendered to Christ and
obedience to the Spirit's leading to bring glory to God
and benefit to people.



As a GUIDE you have followed Jesus long enough to know that being a Christ-follower can be hard, but you've learned a great deal that can benefit others. As you have discovered your gifts and passions in ministry you have come to the place where you know what gives you joy, what God is calling you to and how to share with others. As the Bible teaches us in Romans 12, Christ-followers share the gifts God has given them with the body of Christ with joy and diligence. If you have leadership gifting, which group or ministry is God calling you to lead? If you are a person of prayer how are you engaging in that important ministry? Or if you have administrative, strategic, or organizational skills, how is God replicating His heart for people through you?

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Apply to the Willingdon's Pastoral Internship Program
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Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Pathway - willingdon.org/discipleship

Life Groups - willingdon.org/lifegroups

Discovery - willingdon.org/discovery

Alpha - willingdon.org/alpha

Adults - willingdon.org/adults

Young Adults (ages 18 – 24) - willingdon.org/youngadults

Men - willingdon.org/men

Women - willingdon.org/women

Marriage - willingdon.org/marriage

Healing Ministries

Baptisms & New Members

Internship - willingdon.org/internship

Descriptions:

A **disciple** is someone who follows Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and guides others to Jesus.

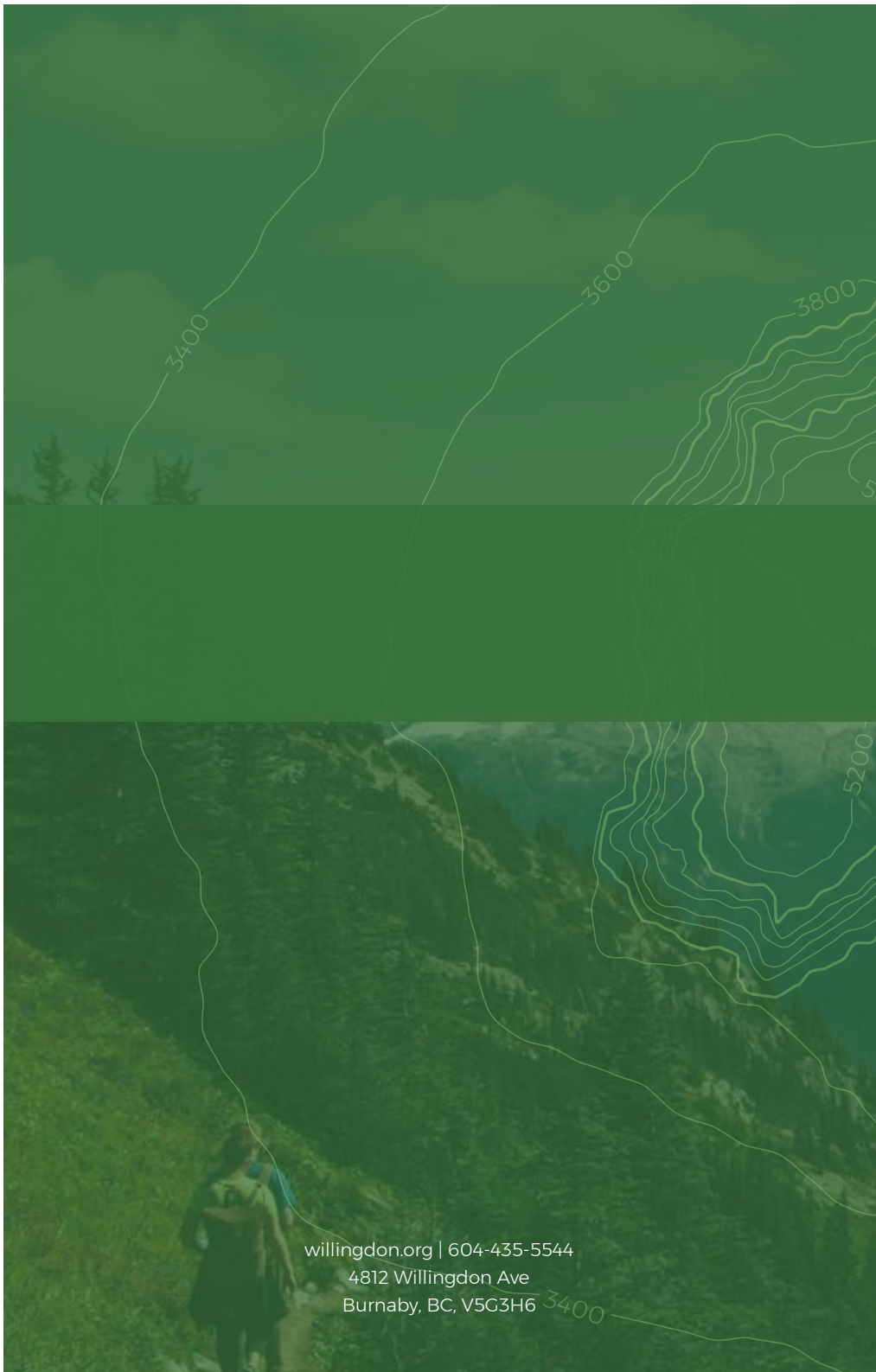
A **disciple-maker** is someone who helps others meet Jesus, follow Jesus and guide people to Jesus.

Discipleship Group is a gender-specific group consisting of 3-5 men or women who connect regularly with a primary purpose of growing in their understanding of their identity in Christ, what it means to follow Him, and guide others to Him.

Life Group is a group consisting of 6-12 people who meet regularly for teaching, support and care.

Community Group is a group consisting of 20+ people who gather regularly to worship, serve their communities and help new people get connected.

Discovery Group is a group consisting of 6-10 people who meet weekly on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings to discuss the topics listed in the Discovering Series.



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