

The Heritage Way Discipleship Pathway

The Heritage Way is a four-year, church-centered discipleship pathway designed to form mature disciples of Jesus Christ through the life of the local church.

This is not a standalone program or class, but a shared way of life—rooted in the ordinary means of grace (Word, Sacraments, and prayer) and lived out through worship, relationships, and everyday obedience within the covenant community .

We walk this pathway together through Covenant Family Night, gathering weekly for meals, prayer, Scripture, and guided discussion as we grow in faith and life together.

From the beginning, this pathway is designed not only for personal growth, but for reproduction—forming disciples who, in time, are equipped to disciple others and participate in the strengthening and planting of new gospel communities.

A Covenantal Vision for Discipleship

Discipleship is understood as the church’s calling to form believers over time through truth, relationships, and faithful practice.

- Formation happens through ordinary means, not programs
- Growth is holistic—shaping belief (head), affection (heart), and obedience (hands)
- The local church is the primary context of discipleship
- Maturity develops slowly through consistent, shared life
- Leadership and multiplication flow from tested faithfulness

This pathway is not about quick results, but long-term faithfulness—forming disciples who live faithfully in home, church, vocation, and community, and who are prepared, in due time, to help form others.

The Four-Year Pathway

Each year builds upon the last, forming disciples who grow in depth before expanding in responsibility. As disciples mature, they are increasingly equipped to invest in others, so that formation naturally extends beyond the individual into the life of the church and, over time, into new communities.

Year 1 – Covenant Union: Christ and Community

Focus: Identity in Christ and life in the church

Goal: Establish a strong foundation in the gospel, assurance, and belonging

Emphases:

- Union with Christ
- Assurance and identity
- Worship and spiritual disciplines
- Life in the covenant community

Key Resources:

- *What is the Gospel* — Bryan Chapell
- *The Christian's True Identity* — Jonathan Cruse
- *Rewire Your Heart*
- *What Happens When We Worship* — Cruse
- *Ordinary* — Michael Horton

Year 2 – Covenant Faithfulness: Home and Church

Focus: Faithful living in relationships and church life

Goal: Form convictions and practices of obedience in everyday life

Emphases:

- Marriage, singleness, and parenting
- Hospitality and household discipleship
- Church membership and service
- Living under authority

Key Resources:

- *The Shepherd Leader at Home* — Witmer
- *How to Build a Godly Marriage* — Beeke
- *Rediscovering Catechism* — Van Dyken
- *The Trellis and the Vine* — Marshall & Payne
- *Side by Side* — Paul David Tripp

Year 3 – Covenant Witness: Vocation and World

Focus: Living as a faithful witness in everyday life

Goal: Integrate faith into work, relationships, and community

Emphases:

- Vocation and calling
- Evangelism and apologetics
- Hospitality and neighbor love

- Christian worldview

Key Resources:

- *Every Square Inch* — Bruce Ashford
- *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* — Rosaria Butterfield
- *The Art of Neighboring* — Pathak
- *God at Work* — Gene Veith
- *Missions by the Book* — Chad Vegas

Year 4 – Covenant Expansion: Leadership and Mission

Focus: Leadership development and multiplication

Goal: Prepare disciples to disciple others and participate in mission and church planting

Emphases:

- Leadership and calling
- Mentoring and disciple-making
- Church planting and missions
- Serving under church oversight

Key Resources:

- *The Vine Project* — Marshall & Payne
- *Planting by Pastoring* — Nathan Knight
- *The Disciple-Making Pastor* — Bill Hull
- *Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands* — Paul David Tripp
- *Discerning Your Call to Ministry* — Jason Allen

How It Works

The Heritage Way is not an individual track, but a shared journey.

- We move through it together as a church
- It is integrated into weekly life through Covenant Family Night
- Growth is measured by faithfulness, not speed
- Leadership emerges through tested character, not completion

In the early life of the church, we walk this pathway together as one body. Over time, those who have been formed begin to disciple others in households, relationships, and emerging groups, carrying forward the same patterns of life, truth, and obedience.

This pathway is designed to support and reinforce—not replace—the life of the church, including Lord’s Day worship, preaching, and pastoral care.

The Goal: Formation That Leads to Multiplication

The goal is not simply knowledge, but transformation—and not simply transformation, but faithful reproduction.

We seek to form disciples who:

- Delight in Christ and His gospel
- Live faithfully in home and church
- Bear witness in everyday life
- Serve within the body
- Disciple others intentionally
- Help form and strengthen new gospel communities

As disciples are formed, they are equipped to carry this same pattern of life into new contexts—whether through households, relationships, or new gatherings—so that, in time, new churches may be established.

This is how we are building Heritage Covenant Church—forming people through shared life and faithful discipleship, trusting that over time, God will grow and multiply His church across the region.