

Choose Pathways on Your Journey

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Sunday Morning
Worship Celebrations

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Mid-Sized Community
In-Depth, Bible Study
Groups

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Small Groups

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Diads-Triads

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Personal
SOAP*
You
&
God

Everyone begins
somewhere.

At Camarillo Community
Church, we invite you to
explore Christianity in
Sunday morning worship.

New believers in Jesus
Christ may want to learn the
basics of the Christian way
of life through Next Step
community classes and
small groups.

Growing Christians find that
God is using us as we
continue to surrender to His
purpose.

Christ-Centered people are
sold out to be and do
whatever God's will is for
their lives.

At every stage there is a
spiritual challenge.

Pathways to Discipleship

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*SOAP is reading Scripture daily
with Observation, Application, and
Prayer as a way to listen to God.

DISCIPLESHIP

What is a disciple? Some may think that a Christian merely studies the Bible and attends church. That may be a start, but that's not all. You can't apply what you first do not know—but knowledge, good deeds, and trying harder do not make disciples.

There's good news. You CAN experience significant growth in your Christian walk, shed sinful habits, and take on the character of Christ. In *Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ*, Dallas Willard calls it "the transformation of the spirit"—a divine process that "brings every element in our being, working from inside out, into harmony with the will of God." As we become apprentices of Jesus, our spirits are transformed.

But just what is this transformation?

Dr. Willard explains that its ideal end is when "all of the essential parts of the human self are effectively organized around God, as they are restored and sustained by Him. Spiritual transformation in Christ is the process leading to that ideal end, and its result is love of God with all of the heart, soul, mind, and strength, and of the neighbor as oneself." (Luke 10:27)

Surrendering to God's Standard

1. Choosing His Power Source:
 - Galatians 2:20: – "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
2. Denying Self:
 - Matthew 16:24 – "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."
3. Leaving Everything You Want for What He Wants:
 - Luke 14:33: – "In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has, cannot be my disciple."
 - Phil 3:7-9: – "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him."
4. Abiding in His Words & Living His Teachings:
 - John 8:31: – "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples."
 - John 15:7: – "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." Regular daily time alone with God is necessary to abide in Him.
5. Loving & Obeying Christ:
 - John 14:23: – "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching."
 - 2 Cor 5:14: – "For Christ's love compels us."
6. Loving Others:
 - John 13:34-35: – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."
 - Romans 12:9-10: – "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves."
7. Bearing Fruit:
 - John 15:8: – "This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."
 - Gal 5:22: – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Bearing fruit is a sign of growth and maturity.)

IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

Discipleship Resources Online
CamarilloCommunityChurch.org

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