

Pathways of Discipleship

Saint Stephen's is a vibrant fellowship –visitors comment upon the strong positive sense that they feel from the time they step onto the patios outside our worship spaces.

Why? We believe it's because we are passionate and unapologetic about centering our community life in Jesus Christ. We are serious about the Five Avenues to a Transfigured Community. One of those avenues is serious engagement in Bible study with other seekers and believers.

The Pathways of Discipleship at Saint Stephen's begins with a 3-course series called *Pathways of Discipleship*. In order to formally join the fellowship, to be baptized, or to be wed, we require that newcomers engage in the first class, *Foundations of Discipleship*. To be confirmed, received, or to formally reaffirm the faith, folks undertake *Core Values* and *Next Steps*.

You will find that this is not a cookie-cutter or rubber-stamp process. The inquiry is open. The conversations are lively, but gentle. You will hear us say, again and again, "Where you come from is just as important as where you are – and we are all going into the future together!" We do want to establish a "baseline" of dialogue, community, and devotion to our Lord. In Pathways, we develop a common spiritual vocabulary – a set of shared words and images. We share our stories and weave them into the stories of those who have sought and followed God these many ages. We invite you to pull on your most comfortable hiking shoes and join us on the Pathways!

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Click on a specific course below to learn more:

[Foundations of Discipleship](#)

[Core Values](#) (pre-requisite Foundations)

[Next Steps](#) (pre-requisite Core Values)

