



The King's Way is a discipleship community created at King's People 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.

PARTICIPANT MANUAL

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Important Dates

Fall Semester 2026

Kickoff Night	August 30
Second Session	September 27
Third Session	October 25
The King's Way Retreat	November 20-21

*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 (from 6pm-9pm) 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:

August 30th, September 27th, and October 25th

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 60-75 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 Matthew. This rich biography of Jesus will transform the way we see Jesus, as He is exalted as the only Son of God.

Week 1: The Arrival

- **Mon, Aug 31:** Matthew 1:1–17 (The Genealogy)
- **Tue, Sept 1:** Matthew 1:18–25 (The Birth of Jesus)
- **Wed, Sept 2:** Matthew 2:1–12 (The Visit of the Magi)
- **Thu, Sept 3:** Matthew 2:13–18 (Escape to Egypt)
- **Fri, Sept 4:** Matthew 2:19–23 (The Return to Nazareth)
- **Sat, Sept 5:** Review Matthew 1–2
- **Sun, Sept 6:** *Reflection Day*

Week 2: Preparation & Beginning

- **Mon, Sept 7:** Matthew 3:1–12 (John the Baptist)
- **Tue, Sept 8:** Matthew 3:13–17 (Jesus' Baptism)
- **Wed, Sept 9:** Matthew 4:1–11 (The Temptation)
- **Thu, Sept 10:** Matthew 4:12–17 (Ministry Begins)
- **Fri, Sept 11:** Matthew 4:18–25 (Calling the Disciples)
- **Sat, Sept 12:** Review Matthew 3–4
- **Sun, Sept 13:** *Reflection Day*

Week 3: The Sermon on the Mount

- **Mon, Sept 14:** Matthew 5:1–12 (The Beatitudes)
- **Tue, Sept 15:** Matthew 5:13–48 (Salt, Light, and the Law)
- **Wed, Sept 16:** Matthew 6:1–18 (Giving, Prayer, and Fasting)
- **Thu, Sept 17:** Matthew 6:19–34 (Money and Worry)
- **Fri, Sept 18:** Matthew 7:1–12 (Judging and Asking)
- **Sat, Sept 19:** Matthew 7:13–29 (The Two Foundations)
- **Sun, Sept 20:** *Reflection Day*

Week 4: Power and Authority

- **Mon, Sept 21:** Matthew 8:1–17 (Healing the Sick)
- **Tue, Sept 22:** Matthew 8:18–34 (Calming the Storm)
- **Wed, Sept 23:** Matthew 9:1–13 (Healing and Calling Matthew)
- **Thu, Sept 24:** Matthew 9:14–26 (Questions and Healing)
- **Fri, Sept 25:** Matthew 9:27–38 (The Harvest is Plentiful)
- **Sat, Sept 26:** Review Matthew 8–9
- **Sun, Sept 27:** *Reflection Day*

Week 5: The Mission

- **Mon, Sept 28:** Matthew 10:1–15 (The Twelve Sent Out)
- **Tue, Sept 29:** Matthew 10:16–42 (Warnings and Rewards)
- **Wed, Sept 30:** Matthew 11:1–19 (Jesus and John the Baptist)
- **Thu, Oct 1:** Matthew 11:20–30 (Rest for the Weary)
- **Fri, Oct 2:** Review Matthew 10–11
- **Sat, Oct 3:** Catch-up / Deep Dive
- **Sun, Oct 4:** *Reflection Day*

Week 6: Sabbath & Parables

- **Mon, Oct 5:** Matthew 12:1–21 (Lord of the Sabbath)
- **Tue, Oct 6:** Matthew 12:22–50 (A House Divided)
- **Wed, Oct 7:** Matthew 13:1–23 (Parable of the Sower)
- **Thu, Oct 8:** Matthew 13:24–43 (The Weeds and Mustard Seed)
- **Fri, Oct 9:** Matthew 13:44–58 (Hidden Treasure and Rejection)
- **Sat, Oct 10:** Review Matthew 12–13
- **Sun, Oct 11:** *Reflection Day*

Week 7: Miracles and Mercy

- **Mon, Oct 12:** Matthew 14:1–21 (Feeding the 5,000)
- **Tue, Oct 13:** Matthew 14:22–36 (Walking on Water)
- **Wed, Oct 14:** Matthew 15:1–20 (Clean and Unclean)
- **Thu, Oct 15:** Matthew 15:21–39 (A Mother's Faith)
- **Fri, Oct 16:** Review Matthew 14–15
- **Sat, Oct 17:** Catch-up / Deep Dive
- **Sun, Oct 18:** *Reflection Day*

Week 8: Identity and Glory

- **Mon, Oct 19:** Matthew 16:1–12 (The Leaven of the Pharisees)
- **Tue, Oct 20:** Matthew 16:13–28 (Peter's Confession)
- **Wed, Oct 21:** Matthew 17:1–13 (The Transfiguration)
- **Thu, Oct 22:** Matthew 17:14–27 (Faith and the Temple Tax)
- **Fri, Oct 23:** Review Matthew 16–17
- **Sat, Oct 24:** Catch-up / Deep Dive
- **Sun, Oct 25:** *Reflection Day*

Week 9: Community and Kingdom Life

- **Mon, Oct 26:** Matthew 18:1–14 (Greatness in the Kingdom)
- **Tue, Oct 27:** Matthew 18:15–35 (Forgiveness)
- **Wed, Oct 28:** Matthew 19:1–12 (Marriage and Divorce)
- **Thu, Oct 29:** Matthew 19:13–30 (The Rich Young Ruler)
- **Fri, Oct 30:** Review Matthew 18–19
- **Sat, Oct 31:** Catch-up / Deep Dive

- **Sun, Nov 1:** *Reflection Day*

Week 10: Entry into Jerusalem

- **Mon, Nov 2:** Matthew 20:1–16 (Vineyard Workers)
- **Tue, Nov 3:** Matthew 20:17–34 (Greatness through Service)
- **Wed, Nov 4:** Matthew 21:1–11 (The Triumphal Entry)
- **Thu, Nov 5:** Matthew 21:12–22 (Cleansing the Temple)
- **Fri, Nov 6:** Matthew 21:23–46 (Authority and Parables)
- **Sat, Nov 7:** Review Matthew 20–21
- **Sun, Nov 8:** *Reflection Day*

Week 11: Controversy and Warning

- **Mon, Nov 9:** Matthew 22:1–22 (The Banquet and Taxes)
- **Tue, Nov 10:** Matthew 22:23–46 (The Resurrection and the Great Commandment)
- **Wed, Nov 11:** Matthew 23:1–12 (A Warning against Hypocrisy)
- **Thu, Nov 12:** Matthew 23:13–39 (The Seven Woes)
- **Fri, Nov 13:** Review Matthew 22–23
- **Sat, Nov 14:** Catch-up / Deep Dive
- **Sun, Nov 15:** *Reflection Day*

Week 12: The End Times

- **Mon, Nov 16:** Matthew 24:1–31 (Signs of the End)
- **Tue, Nov 17:** Matthew 24:32–51 (Watchfulness)
- **Wed, Nov 18:** Matthew 25:1–13 (The Ten Virgins)
- **Thu, Nov 19:** Matthew 25:14–30 (The Talents)
- **Fri, Nov 20:** Matthew 25:31–46 (The Sheep and the Goats)
- **Sat, Nov 21:** Review Matthew 24–25
- **Sun, Nov 22:** *Reflection Day*

Week 13: The Passion and Victory

- **Mon, Nov 23:** Matthew 26:1–35 (The Last Supper)
- **Tue, Nov 24:** Matthew 26:36–75 (Gethsemane and Betrayal)
- **Wed, Nov 25:** Matthew 27:1–31 (The Trial)
- **Thu, Nov 26:** Matthew 27:32–66 (The Crucifixion and Burial)
- **Fri, Nov 27:** Matthew 28:1–15 (The Resurrection)
- **Sat, Nov 28:** Matthew 28:16–20 (The Great Commission)
- **Sun, Nov 29:** Final Reflection and Completion