

PARKSIDE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



Hello!

You're about to consider something that many people aren't willing to do --- grow!

The way and work of growing isn't easy, popular, comfortable, convenient, quick, free or fun (ok, well sometimes it's fun)!

Yet growth always beats staying put - especially when that growth is realized in our love for God and others! We become the most friendly, joyful, and helpful people on the planet.

One of the main reasons God calls Christians to come together as a community of believers (i.e. the church) is to help each other grow in the faith. That we would move from being infants in the faith to mature citizens of Heaven living on Earth --- ministering the life and love of Jesus to one another and our world.

I can't think of anything more worthwhile to invest ourselves in than this. Every bit of growth and every good work done benefits this world and lasts for eternity!

So join with us over the next 5+ years of your life (yes, you read that right!) and see what God can do!

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Pastor Clint

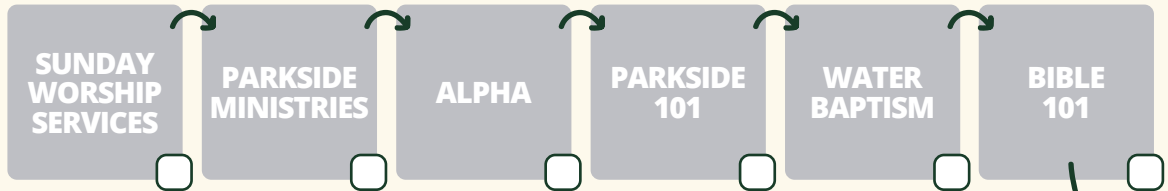


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Because 85% of Christians are stuck. Because every Parksider has a call to be a minister of the Gospel.

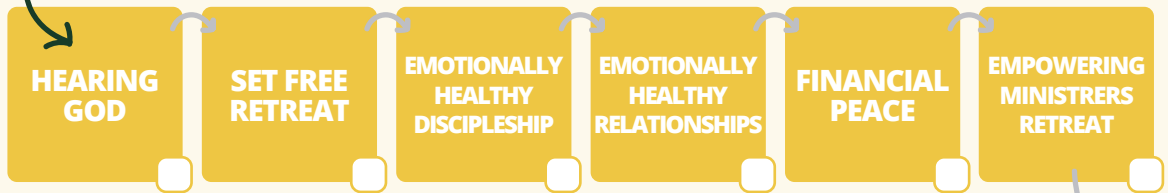
Here are our core courses (or steps)...

ATTENDER
1-2 years



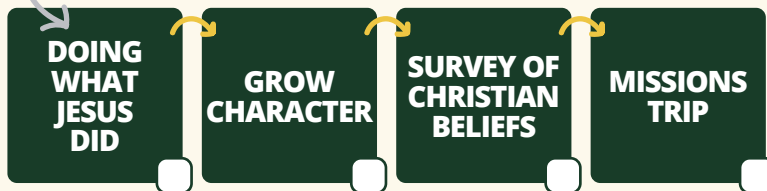
The steps/courses above will take 1-2 years for the average person to complete, but will grow you into a more informed and connected follower of Jesus and member of His church.

MEMBER
2-3 years



The steps/courses above will take 2-3 years for the average person to complete, but will grow you into a healthier and a better friend as well as launch you into being a rookie minister of the Gospel.

MINISTER
2-3 years



The steps/courses above will take 2-3 years for the average person to complete, but will grow you into a disciple maker! You'll be a more mature follower of Jesus and a more capable minister and leader!

Most Parksiders will exit here and use the tools learned to continue growing and making disciples.

Others will sense a call to develop more as a leader. (And, yes, we have courses for that!)

But wait! There's more!

In addition to the above core programs and courses, other specialized courses will be offered to assist Parksiders serving in specific roles (i.e. Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, Council Member, etc.) or as interest and/or need requires (i.e. apologetics, divorce care, end times, etc.).

Every Parksider will have a transcript just like a university student to keep accurate records so that we can track progress, give awards, follow pre-requisite guidelines, and aid in volunteer and leadership recruiting and development.

Keep reading!



COURSE CATALOGUE

ATTENDER

Growing in your relationship with Jesus starts by simply showing up, learning the basics and then stepping out one step at a time! Attenders can be devout Christians, skeptics or seekers. All are welcome.

If you journey with us and apply yourself to each of the steps (or courses) listed below, we're confident that you'll have a much better understanding of Jesus and have the basics to walk into a growing, personal relationship with Him!

The steps/courses below will take 1-2 years for the average person to complete, but will produce a more informed and connected follower of Jesus and member of His church.

Sunday Worship Service

Open to all to worship God in song, learn about Him through a message on His Word, and participate in church family moments like baptism, communion, child dedications, testimonies, and more!

Availability: Weekly

Prerequisite: None

Format: In-person and streamed online

Cost: Free

Register: Drop-in

Various Ministries

Parkside runs many ministries that range from meeting weekly to monthly (i.e. Celebrate Recovery, preteen, youth, seniors, men's groups, small groups, book clubs, prayer meetings, etc.)

Availability: Weekly, etc.

Prerequisite: Specific to each ministry (i.e. age)

Format: In-person

Cost: Free

Register: Call or email the church office for info.

Alpha

An 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith and Jesus. A combination of video presentations and discussion makes up the time each week covering the basics or foundation of the Christian faith.

Availability: Annually (September)

Prerequisite: Age 18+ (Youth Alpha version available through youth ministry)

Format: In-person

Cost: Free

Register: pc.churchcenter.com in August

Parkside 101

A three week course with a pastor that will walk you through why Parkside exists, what we believe, how things work around here, and where you fit in the family and mission of Parkside.

Availability: Bi-annually (November & February)

Prerequisite: Age 12+

Format: In-person (online version arriving 2023)

Cost: Free

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before



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ATTENDER

Water Baptism

A rite of passage that Jesus asks His followers to do is be baptized in water. Folks that want to be baptized in water will need to attend Alpha (or its equivalent) and Parkside 101 as a prerequisite to being baptized in water.

Availability: 5th Sunday of the Month

Prerequisite: Age 12+; Alpha; and Parkside 101

Format: Meeting with a pastor followed by baptism event

Cost: Free

Register: www.parksidechurch.ca/baptism

Bible 101 (How to Read the Bible)

A 13-week self-guided study using a combination of workbooks, quizzes, and videos to help you understand the overall story of the Bible and then how to read and understand the Bible for yourself. There is homework five days each week (15-20 mins per day).

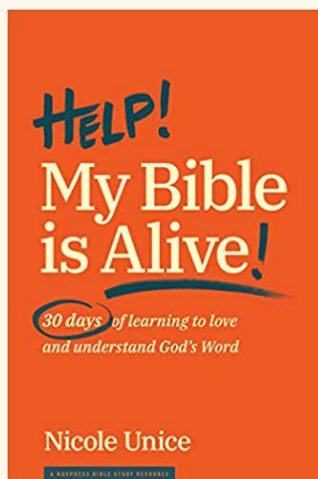
Availability: Can be taken any time

Prerequisite: Age 13+

Format: Online

Cost: \$50 (includes two different workbooks, prizes and party)

Register: Sign-up at u.parksidechurch.ca then register for the course there.



Have you already (or are you about to) complete the "Help! My Bible is Alive!" 30 day challenge!? If so, then you've completed almost half of the "Bible 101" course above. The next half involves another 30-day challenge called "30 Days to Understanding the Bible". Using a mix of online videos, quizzes, and daily exercises in the work book, you'll finally be able to understand how all the different parts of the Bible fit together to tell a unified story! This course is normally \$50, but if you've done the "Help! My Bible is Alive" you'll receive a discount code to finish the course for free! This is a one-time special since we're all guinea pigs doing this course together! You'll get the second book, an invitation to a Bible party (at the end of the course), and sweet prize! Email Pastor Clint when you're done the "Help! My Bible is Alive" book and you'll get instructions on what to do next (including the discount code).



COURSE CATALOGUE

MEMBER

To be an active partner in our church family it must include the personal giving and receiving of the ministry of Jesus. How does one do that? Easy! Apply yourself to the steps/courses below and you'll be equipped with greater personal health and the resources to relate with others in a more fruitful way.

If you journey with us and apply yourself to each of the steps (or courses) listed below, we're confident that you'll have a much better understanding of Jesus and have the basics to walk into a growing, personal relationship with Him!

The steps/courses below will take 2-3 years for the average person to complete, but will make you healthier and a better friend. You'll also become a rookie minister of the Gospel and have more tools to help and disciple others.

Hearing God

A seven week course with weekly video presentations, workbook, discussion and labs to help you hear God speaking to you!

Availability: Annually (March-May)

Prerequisite: Age 16+ (youth formats coming soon)

Format: In-person

Cost: \$20 (includes workbook)

Register: Opens at pc.churchcenter.com in February

Set Free Retreat

A weekend (Friday-Saturday) event to meet with Jesus for dealing with the past hurts, hang-ups, and struggles that we all face on a daily basis. We have seen many people set free from sinful strongholds and hurts in their lives through Christ's power found in confession, forgiveness and inner healing!

Availability: Annually (May & November)

Prerequisite: Age 17+ (youth formats coming soon)

Format: In-person

Cost: \$50 (includes workbook and food)

Register: Opens at pc.churchcenter.com in April

Did you know!? About 50 Parksiders have already completed the "Hearing God" course and are enjoying and applying what they learned in their everyday lives!

Our next round of Hearing God starts on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm beginning March 29th!

Pastor Tom is excited! He will be leading our first "Set Free Retreat" this April 29-30. We'll have lots of good food to keep us fueled too! These retreats have been running in Canadian churches for over 15 years and they continue to awaken and deepen the lives of believers of all ages.



COURSE CATALOGUE

MEMBER

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

An eight week course to help you learn how to slow down your life and develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Using video presentations, discussions and daily homework, you'll discover how to: Confront the Crisis of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality; Know and Become Your Authentic Self in Christ; Discover How Your Family of Origin Affects You Today; Find Your Way Through "Walls" to Grow into Maturity; Enlarge Your Soul Through Embracing Grief and Loss; Integrate Silence and Sabbath to Slow Down for Jesus; Grow Into an Emotionally Healthy Adult; Design a Lifelong Plan to Live in God's Love.

Availability: Every other year (April-June 2023)

Prerequisite: Age 16+

Format: In-person

Cost: \$30 (includes workbook)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before

Financial Peace

A nine-week course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. And no complicated financial blah blah blah over here. For over 25 years, Dave Ramsey's been teaching common sense, biblical money principles that work. Every time.

Availability: Any time online or in-person every other year at Parkside (January 2023)

Prerequisite: Age 14+

Format: In-person

Cost: Varies (depending on format)

Register: www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/financial-peace

Emotionally Healthy Relationships

An eight week course to get equipped with practical relationship skills to love others like Jesus. Using video presentations, discussions and daily homework, you'll discover how to: Check Your Community Temperature Reading; Stop Mind Reading and Clarify Expectations; Genogram Your Family; Explore The Iceberg; Listen Incarnationally; Climb the Ladder to Integrity; Fight Cleanly; Develop a "Rule of Life" to Implement Your New Learnings.

Availability: Every other year (April-June 2024)

Prerequisite: Age 16+

Format: In-person

Cost: \$30 (includes workbook)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before

Empowering Ministers Retreat

A two-day (Friday-Saturday) retreat where we get to explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can be used powerfully in our lives and the church!

Availability: Annually (October)

Prerequisite: Age 14+; Bible 101; Hearing God; and Set Free Retreat

Format: In-person

Cost: \$50 (includes workbook and food)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before



COURSE CATALOGUE

MINISTER

As your health and maturity in Christ develop, Jesus will move you to see and do new things like taking bold new steps to reach out to others and/or start new things!

Apply yourself to the steps/courses below and you'll grow in your confidence and competence to step out in the power of the Spirit and minister in the name of Jesus.

The steps/courses below will take 2-3 years for the average person to complete, but will turn you into a disciple maker! You'll be a more mature follower of Jesus and a more capable leader in various ministries in and around Parkside.

Doing What Jesus Did

A nine week book club with weekly discussion and hands-on practice. It's a step-by-step book in how to minister in the power and revelation of the Holy Spirit (i.e. Leading people to Christ, Leading Christians into the Holy Spirit baptism, Learning how to heal the sick, Healing the sick by revelation, Dealing with demons and more).

Availability: Annually (September)

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat; Empowering Ministers

Format: In-person

Cost: \$30 (includes book)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before

Grow Character

An 18 week journey with a smaller group through a series of lessons and daily homework to initiate deep change and healing in your walk with Christ and those around you.

Availability: Annually (September)

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat;

Format: In-person

Cost: \$100 (includes workbook)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before

Exorcism!? Yes, that's a real thing. If God shared with you that someone was demon possessed or they started manifesting right in front of you, would you know what to do!? Our "Doing What Jesus Did" book can help with that!

What does it mean to be emotionally healthy!?

Lots of things, but mainly it looks like living as the same person in every situation; being at peace who God made you to be; being honest with what we're feeling, but not being led by them; and so much more!



COURSE CATALOGUE

MINISTER

Survey of Christian Beliefs

A 15 week video based course (Dr. Ken Deeks) with homework diving deeper into the tenets of the Christian faith and how they came about and compare to other beliefs. Can be taken for credit through Pacific Life Bible College.

Availability: Annually (September)

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat;

Format: In-person and online (being developed)

Cost: \$100 (includes textbook); \$300 for credit

Register: Opens at pc.churchcenter.com the month before or directly through PLBC.

Missions Trip

We believe it's good to get out of our culture and jump into another's to learn from them and then love and serve them as best we can in physical and spiritual ways. As covid restrictions ease, we'll begin offering short-term missions trips for Parksiders to take each year (i.e. Dream Center LA, Uganda, and more!)

Availability: Varies

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat; Empower Ministers

Format: In-person

Cost: Varies (fundraising events to help offset costs)

Register: Subscribe to our email list and watch Newsletter for announcements

NOTE: Most Parksiders will exit the Discipleship Pathway at this point and continue on growing and serving in various ministries or other capacities as a healthier and more effective disciple maker. Some may want to get involved in one of the courses they especially enjoyed while others may sense a call to step into leadership in one form or another.

Foursquare Distinctives

A 15 week course that takes a deeper dive into Foursquare doctrine, values, and polity. Designed for leaders and pastors of Foursquare churches. Can be taken for credit through Pacific Life Bible College.

Availability: Varies

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat; Empower Ministers

Format: In-person

Cost: \$100 (includes textbook); \$300 for credit

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before or directly through PLBC.

Small Group Leadership

A six-week book club with discussion and role-play designed to help nervous rookies gain confidence and experienced small group leaders refine and develop their skills.

Availability: Annually (April 2024)

Prerequisite: Age 16+; Bible 101; Hearing God; Set Free Retreat; Empower Ministers

Format: In-person

Cost: \$30 (includes textbook)

Register: pc.churchcenter.com the month before

What will our church look like in 5-10 years?

Should Jesus not return and we're still breathing, we believe we'll see:

- **Greater vulnerability:** Parksiders will be less afraid to show who they really are and where they've been because they regularly confess their sins to others and found no judgment, but were accepted and forgiven. Now they walk in freedom and ongoing accountability through loving and supportive community.
- **Stronger faith:** Parksiders will know how to read the Bible for themselves and meet God regularly in their devotions. They will know His voice and have a new confidence and competence in sharing what He is speaking or what He has done with others.
- **Ministering to one another:** The experiences and tools received through the Discipleship Pathway will equip every Parksider to be a pastor or minister of the Gospel. Adults will be spiritual leaders in their homes and in their workplace. Parksiders will know the Word of God and partner with the Holy Spirit in ministering to the needs of others.
- **New converts:** Through Alpha, but much more so through the everyday living of healthier and maturing Parksiders, we will see those around us coming to faith in Jesus and beginning the discipleship journey.
- **Gifts of the Spirit:** Parksiders will regularly receive and give gifts of the Spirit (i.e. prophecy, encouragement, healing, etc.) and they will do so in a way that is true to the character of Jesus. It won't be weird. It won't be weighted with guilt and shame. It won't be filled with whacky doctrine. It will be as wonderful and as gentle as we read about in the Gospels when Jesus spoke to others and touched the sick.
- **Ongoing mess:** The church will never be perfect because we'll never be perfect. Additionally, if we're doing our job, there will be seekers, skeptics and new Christians in our community --- and all the baggage that comes with it! We'll be gracious and helpful as Jesus has been with us.
- **Healthier homes:** As Jesus grows us, our relationships and homes will become grown up too! From young to old, we'll see the fruit of growing our roots down deep in the love and truth of Jesus!
- **New ministries:** As Jesus' love and power transforms us, He'll call us to transform our world. We look forward to seeing new skills and passions, new leaders, new works started in our city, new churches planted, and new missionaries sent!
- **An increase in joy and urgency:** As we fall more in love with Jesus and see all He is doing and has yet to do, there will be both an increase to our joy and an increase urgency --- time is short!
- **Plus so much more!** This page cannot contain all that God has in mind and in store for those who believe! So let us invest ourselves fully into following Jesus --- the best is yet to come!



**Continuing the ministry of Jesus
in our homes, church, city and world!**

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