

Ongoing Paths

The **Gateway Path** begins with an emphasis on *belonging* as people are invited to consider a *commitment to membership* in **Gateway 100**.

It continues with an emphasis on *growing* in **Gateway 200** as people seek *to grow in spiritual maturity*.

Finally, **Gateway 300** emphasises God's desire for us to *engage* in the purposes for which He created us as we pursue *ministry and mission*.



But the path God has us on in life is *ongoing!*

Ongoing Paths is a collection of Bible studies designed to help us walk the paths of life. They are conducted in such a way that they are ideal for small groups of up to eight people maximum, and so that people will grow more faithful in obedience to Jesus rather than simply in knowledge about Him.

God promises to be at work in our lives *“both to will and to work for his good pleasure”* (Philippians 2:13). That means God literally partners with us to help us grow as followers of Jesus. This takes a lifetime of walking whatever paths God places us on – and these paths can sometimes be confusing, so it's so good we have His help!

The **Ongoing Paths** material provides various lists of Bible passages that correspond with themes that every follower of Jesus will want to grow in. When a group looks at a particular week's Bible passage, four simple questions are asked:

- ▶ What does this teach us about God?
- ▶ What does this teach us about people or ourselves?
- ▶ How will I personally put this passage into practice?
- ▶ Who do I know who I can tell this week about what I learned?

It's the second two questions that truly help us to truly progress along the ongoing paths we walk, because there's no progress in our Christian walk without obedience, and we are called to share with others what we learn from Jesus!





Growing in Faith

- Genesis 12:1-9
- Isaiah 7:1-9
- Luke 7:1-10
- Matthew 8:23-27
- Luke 8:41-56
- Mark 9:14-29
- Luke 18:35-43
- Hebrews 11:1-16

- Walking Blind
- Careful Now...
- Lines of Authority
- The Call Before the Calm
- When Faced with Extremes
- Imperfect Faith
- Jesus Stopped
- Flawed Heroes



Growing in Fruitfulness

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- John 15:1-5
- Romans 1:11-15
- Galatians 5:22-26
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- Colossians 1:9-14
- Psalm 1:1-6

- Where are you Planted?
- The Fruit of the Vine
- The Fruit of the Gospel
- The Fruit of the Spirit
- Sowing and Reaping
- All Kinds – Every Kind
- The Delight of Trees



Growing in Love

- Luke 10:25-37
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-20
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13
- Luke 15:11-32
- Romans 12:14-21
- Luke 6:32-36
- Colossians 3:12-15

- The Great Commandment
- Pass it On
- A New Commandment
- The Greatest of These
- Not Everyone Celebrated
- Love as an Opposite
- Anyone Can Do That
- It Holds Everything Together



Growing in Gratitude

- Psalm 100:1-5 First Things First
- Luke 17:11-19 What About the Rest?
- Psalm 106:1-5 God is Good
- 1 Samuel 1:1-28 Because she asked...
- Luke 7:36-50 A Woman in Turmoil
- Colossians 3:15-17 Whatever you do...
- Ephesians 5:18-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 For and In and Always



Growing in Perseverance and Trust

- Genesis 18:9-15 & 21:1-7; Hebrews 11:11-12 When God Takes Too Long
- Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:17-19 When God Asks for Everything
- Luke 1:26-38 How Can This Be?
- Acts 27:9-44 When All Seems Lost
- Daniel 3:1-30 Who to Obey?
- Psalm 66:8-12 When Tests Come
- Luke 18:1-8 Keep Pressing in to Him



Growing in Communion with God

- 2 Samuel 6:1-23 More Foolish Than This
- 2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-19 Even Sinners Draw Near
- Matthew 6:6-13 Teach Us to Pray
- Psalm 84:1-12 Longing for More
- Daniel 6:1-23 Whatever the Cost
- Luke 10:38-42 The Good Part
- Psalm 34:1-10 Continually, at All Times
- Ephesians 3:14-21 The Riches of Knowing Him

