

Preparing for The Journey Suggested Readings

Below are a few suggested readings that might be helpful to consider at this stage in The Journey. However, there are many other valuable resources to further your Christian development, so please do not limit yourself to this list.

Instructions

To help you along your discipleship journey, we have provided a self-study program that you can use, along with participating in worship, service and classes at BUMC. To get the most out of your journey, it will be helpful for you to keep a journal and take notes about your experiences and reflections. After completing each reading, you may want to guide your thoughts by asking questions such as:

- What are my biggest take-aways from the readings?
- What is God teaching me?
- What from these readings can I apply to my life?
- What made me feel the most uplifted? Why?
- What made me feel the most unsettled? Why?
- Did the readings help me to desire to have more love for God and neighbor? How?

Suggested Readings

The Gospel of Mark (an ideal starting place for anyone seeking a more succinct introduction to Jesus Christ and Christ's ministry)

[*The Wesleyan Way*, by Scott J. Jones](#)

[*Teach Me to Pray*, by Andrew Murray](#)

[*The Meaning of Baptism*, by Mark W. Stamm](#)

[*This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice*, by William H. Willimon](#)

[*Understanding Christian Doctrine*, by Ian S. Markham](#)

[*By Water and the Spirit, A United Methodist Understanding of Baptism*](#)

[*Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs*, by Don Adams](#)

[*Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith*, by Steve Harper](#)

[*Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way*, by Elaine Heath](#)

[Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church](#)

[Key United Methodist Beliefs, by William J. Abraham and David F. Watson](#)