

# THE CLIMB

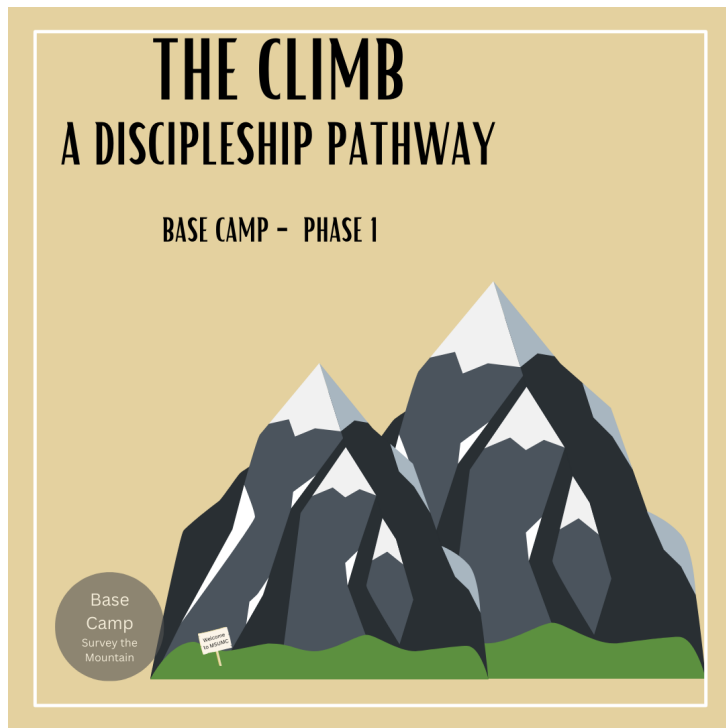
## A DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

### MADISON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**W**hat is a Discipleship Pathway?

A Discipleship Pathway is the means by which a congregation connects all aspects of its ministry into a process that moves people from unbelief, to faith in Jesus Christ, to spiritual leadership and maturity.



## **B**ase Camp **Phase 1** *Survey the Mountain*

Potential climbers are those of us exploring who God is and what the Church is all about. This is the stage of curiosity and exploration. We're asking the big 'why' and 'how' questions. We're seeking purpose!

### **Madison Street UMC Opportunities for Those at Base Camp**

- Join an Alpha Group
- In-person Worship
- Online Worship
- Social Media Communication Platforms
- Outreach events
- Conversations, Prayers, Connection with other Climbers

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## THE SLOPE - PHASE 2



## The Slope Phase 2 *Embark on the Climb*

Climbers on the slope can be newcomers who have chosen to embark on the climb for the first time, or we can be long-time climbers who value re-learning some of the basic tenets and tools of the Christian faith. Climbers on the slope have found value and meaning in worship. We may or may not be ready to fully commit yet, but we're

beginning to sense that this “God stuff” just might be the “real deal.” We’re seeking more!

### **Madison Street UMC Opportunities for Those on the Slope**

- All Base Camp Opportunities
- Self-Guided Studies
- Seasonal Devotionals
- Practicing Spiritual Disciplines
- Short-Term Bible Studies/Small Group Experiences
- Sunday Morning Small Groups
- Local Service Projects

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## THE RIDGE - PHASE 3



## The Ridge Phase 3 *Find the Footholds*

Climbers on the ridge know just how important is to hold tightly to what we have learned and experienced thus far; we can identify how God and Christian community is continuing to shape and mold the kind of climbers we're becoming. Climbers on the ridge have a sense of belonging and identity.

Climbing higher means going

deeper, exploring wider, and being transformed by God.

### **Madison Street UMC Opportunities for Those on the Ridge**

- All Base Camp Opportunities
- All Slope Opportunities
- Practicing Consistent Community
- Choirs
- Common Tables
- Disciple Bible Study
- Madison Street Ministry Team Membership

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THE CREST - PHASE 4



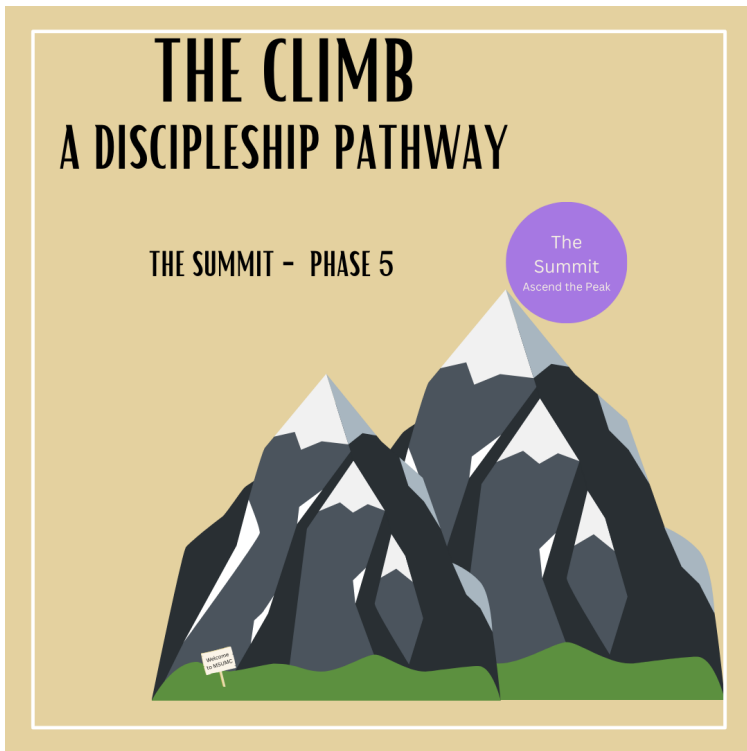
**T**he Crest  
**Phase 4**  
*Reach New Heights*

Climbers on the crest know that this is where things in the Christian life begin to really impact the rest of our lives. Climbers are willing to sacrifice time, money, possessions, and even position in the world. We become intentional in our growth, the spiritual disciplines, and leading others by example. We own our

sense of belonging in the church and the world, and we have a heart for God's Kingdom to be expressed in the world and our own personal lives.

## **Madison Street UMC Opportunities for Those on the Crest**

- All Base Camp Opportunities
- All Slope Opportunities
- All Ridge Opportunities
- Madison Street Ministry Team Leadership
- Madison Street Administrative Team Membership/Leadership
- Faith Sharing
- Mentoring



## The Summit Phase 5 *Ascend the Peak*

The summit is where the metaphor breaks down. Reaching the summit once doesn't mean we're done growing; we don't really stay there in this lifetime. There's always room for growth because God is just that big and infinite.

But we also believe we *can* experience the summit here and now. With God's help, we can experience the top of the mountain in this life. Summit moments are holy moments, when God's grace is embodied and where the divide between this world and eternity seems thing. We hold fast to the hope that God is holding us, making us become more and more like the people we were originally created to be.

### **Madison Street UMC Opportunities for Those on the Summit**

- All Base Camp Opportunities
- All Slope Opportunities
- All Ridge Opportunities
- All Crest Opportunities
- Sanctified Moments