

Women's Discipleship Community

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It's a healthy practice to ask the question, "Why am I doing what I'm doing?"

This can apply to our personal lives when we reflect on where we want our time to go vs. where it is actually going... Or, perhaps we're doing something and don't really have a clear "why" for doing it.

This practice of asking "why?" also applies to organizations, businesses, and churches. Why do we offer the programs we do? Who are we serving? What do we carry that blesses the body of Christ in a unique way? Ideally, everything we spend our time on personally, professionally, or vocationally yields fruit and aligns with our priorities.

So, why do we do Women's Discipleship Community? Why has Shoreline devoted so much time and energy to this online resource?

We are strong about our "why," and we want you to be, too.

The answer to these questions, the "why" behind WDC, is quite simple. In fact, it's only 3 letters: Y.O.U.

Shoreline's mission is to "Help as many people as possible become totally committed to Jesus Christ," and we want to help you in your commitment to and life with Christ.

Women's Discipleship Community exists for the women at Shoreline who are busy moms, business owners, immunocompromised, nurses, entrepreneurs, non-night drivers, full-time employees, and anyone else who can't join us in person on a regular basis. We also exist for those who attend church regularly and are hungry for more!

We're doing what we're doing because we believe that the women at Shoreline are unique, and God is doing a unique thing in your lives – and we want to be a part of that.

We believe that God wants to speak to you through Christ-centered, biblical content that connects you and creates more community among women on the Monterey Peninsula. Our two pillars are *content* and *community*.

Content: Online resources designed to lead you closer to Christ. **Community:** Online resources designed to lead you closer to others, in Christ.

We've been praying and asking God to bless WDC and show us what He has next for this ministry. We also sent out a survey to ask for your feedback on your experience with Women's Discipleship Community.

With that, we have positive changes to announce, and we hope that you will join in our excitement.

What's New?

We've re-designed WDC to be a 9-month program that follows a typical school year. This way, you can sign up annually, connect with us, and enjoy a break over the summer.

Content

Your monthly resource will continue to arrive on the 1st of the month with encouraging content to draw you closer to Christ. With our new schedule, each month's resource will focus on your discipleship to Jesus and follow the overarching theme for the year. Each month's resource will be designed to build on the previous month so that, at the end of the 9 months, you will have built a solid foundation. (And, as always, we'll include fun surprises!).

Community

In addition to our prayer wall, we are adding an extra level of community! At the end of each month, we will gather together online to discuss the month's resource and pray for one another. Our hope is that relationships will be built, and in-person gatherings will stem out of our online meetings.

Coming Soon: "Living Like Jesus"

One of the up-and-coming authors and influencers of our day is Pastor John Mark Comer out of Portland, Oregon. By influencer, we don't mean the type you see posting selfies on Instagram, but the type that writes and speaks content that is shaping our culture and pointing us to a way of life that is different than how we have been living.

In *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*, John Mark Comer suggests that following Jesus should include modeling our lives after the way He lived. Perhaps discipleship to Jesus doesn't just include His teachings but also His way of living life.

What if we took a closer look at the way that Jesus lived and truly modeled our lives after Him? Of course, we're not Jesus, a 1st Century Hebrew male from the line of David who is God in the flesh, but if we believe in and love Jesus, we have His Holy Spirit living inside of us (John 14:24; 1 Corinthians 3:16).

Next Steps:

- Re-register for Women's Discipleship Community before September 1, 2022
- Read through each month's resource
- Mark you calendar and attend the online discussion

Read 1 John 2:3-6

"We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."

Did you catch that last line?

"This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."

So, how do we live as Jesus did?

Shoreline's Women's Discipleship Community is designed to help women live with Christ, live like Christ, and live for Christ, and we invite you to join us for a 9-month journey exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Beginning in September, 2022, we will be studying the life of Jesus Christ while He lived here on this earth so that we can truly **Live Like Jesus**.

So, the question to you is - will you join us?

Join our Prayer Wall

Post a prayer request and join us in praying for the women in our Women's Discipleship Community. This page will be private to just our group!

www.shoreline.church/prayer-wall

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