

# DISCIPLESHIP COLLECTIVE '26

*Growing  
Deep Roots*



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## Welcome:

Welcome to the Discipleship Collective '26

The Discipleship Collective is a shared invitation from Hope Covenant Church to intentionally grow as whole people—formed in heart, soul, mind, and strength. Each pathway offers a focused season of discipleship, inviting you to slow down, lean in, and engage practices that shape us more fully into the life God desires for us.

While each pathway explores a unique area of growth, they all share the same purpose: to create space for transformation through intentional rhythms, meaningful reflection, and a supportive community. Whether this is your first step or your next step, we're glad you're here.

We pray this season draws you closer to God, deepens your faith, and equips you to live out your calling with clarity and joy.

This coming year, let's renew our focus on Jesus. More than any particular belief about Jesus, living faith in Jesus, expressed through trust and obedience, must define who we are as Christians. To help us, my suggested reading this year includes three works that have been deeply influential for me (Jimmy) and I hope are for you as well. They'll be divided into "avenues", so go ahead and pick your first avenue toward Growing Deeper Roots in your faith.

## Avenue 1:

### **In His Steps by Charles Sheldon**

- This book, first published in the 1880s, is a fictional story about a church that decides to adopt a simple slogan to guide their every decision: What Would Jesus Do? When it was first published, this book caused a sensation and has continued to find a wide readership, becoming one of the bestselling books of all time. It will challenge us as Christians to take our discipleship to Jesus seriously.



Purchase  
In His Steps Book  
Under \$10



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FREE

## Avenue 2:

### The Truth in Jesus by George MacDonald

- This short essay, written by influential thinker and author George MacDonald, challenges Christians to leave behind arguments and opinions about Jesus and put their trust in Him directly through active obedience and trust. George MacDonald was a unique and creative voice and his works that spanned multiple genres have influenced many generations of Christians including C.S. Lewis (who called him his "master"), J.R.R. Tolkien, G.K. Chesterton, Madeleine L'Engle, and Lewis Carroll.



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## Avenue 3:

### Christ, The Sum of All Spiritual Things by Watchman Nee

- This short book, like the other two resources suggested, is about returning to Jesus as the foundation of our faith and cultivating a living connection to Him, rather than merely having ideas about Him. Watchman Nee was an influential leader, author, and evangelist in the Chinese church. He was arrested by the Communist Party during the takeover in the 50s and spent 20 years in prison for his faith, which he refused to renounce. Watchman Nee died in prison, but his writings live on and have influenced countless Christians around the world to deepen their trust in Jesus.



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