


An introduction to

# Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today

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You may have already heard of 'Walking the Way: Living the life of Jesus today'. It's the umbrella term for the United Reformed Church's focus on lifelong Christian discipleship and mission.

Put simply, Walking the Way seeks to deepen our understanding of what being a Christian disciple truly means – how we can live as disciples when we are in church and, perhaps more importantly, when we are not.

The Greek word for 'disciple' is *mathetes*; Andrew Roberts, author of *Holy Habits*,<sup>1</sup> says, 'It is often said to mean either a follower or a learner. The literal meaning is "one who learns as they follow".'

Walking the Way explores what it means to actively follow and learn from – and to be eventually transformed by – Christ. It's for everyone at any stage of the Christian journey – whoever you are, whatever your existing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church is, whatever your personal circumstances. It's for you whether you have been following Jesus for five days or five decades.

And while there's nothing new about being a disciple of Christ, we're confident that there is something new about Walking the Way in its accessible approach and in the wide range of supporting resources produced and planned.

**'Walking the Way is not about picking up yet another book, it's about being Christ-centred and seeing our discipleship lived out every day'.**

## Why now?

The people of God have walked, stumbled and sometimes skipped this path throughout the centuries. The way we're walking may be familiar, but the landscape has changed dramatically in recent years. Advances in technology, evolving work patterns and rapidly changing politics have all had an impact on our life and communities.

We are called to proclaim and embody God's Kingdom, yet

sometimes it seems as if the Church has been side-tracked; over-concerned about maintaining our buildings and institutions, or organising the coffee rota, rather than focusing on the teachings of Jesus and working out what they mean for each of us as we try to live the Jesus way of extravagant love, scandalous grace and radical actions.

It's time for change. It's time to walk the way.

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<sup>1</sup> *Holy Habits* by Andrew Roberts (Malcolm Down Publishing ISBN 9781910786154)



## A prayer for Walking the Way

God of all,  
as Jesus walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy,  
he fed the hungry with the bread of life  
and brought healing and hope to those he met.

Renew us through the gift of the Holy Spirit  
so that we may do likewise.

As we step out on this exciting, yet daunting,  
journey of discipleship,  
we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours  
and walk where you lead  
as we live out your life in our daily living  
for Jesus' sake.

Amen.



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