



Volunteer Highlight: Trevor

Trevor serves as a small group leader in High School Ministry. “Being a small group leader is a ton of fun and not that hard. It’s much easier than I would’ve expected and I really enjoy the time with the guys. The preparation for each week is so enriching. Learning the Bible with a desire to teach has been so cool. Also, just seeing these guys, who come from different backgrounds and are so different, care for each other is awesome. They have close relationships and have each other’s back. I look up to that.”

Want to use your gifts to serve those in our community?
Go to marinerschurch.org and search **serve**

PRAYER

If you’re in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the Worship Center** after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email prayer@marinerschurch.org

WELCOME TO MARINERS CHURCH

WE’RE SO GLAD YOU’RE HERE!



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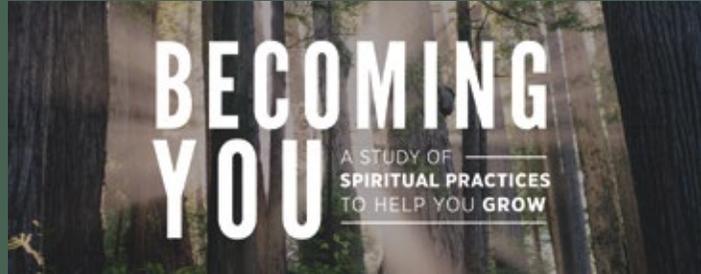
- C.S. Lewis

WELCOME TO MARINERS

We're so glad you're here! Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you! Here are the next steps:

- Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.
- Text **CONNECT** to 949.267.3131
- Attend our **New to Mariners** class to meet our pastors, learn who we are and how to get involved.

MESSAGE SERIES



We've all heard the encouragement to become our true selves, but what does that really mean? The world says you find it by indulging your desires, but Jesus says you find your true self by looking to Him through the spiritual practices of daily obedience, prayer, worship and service.

NEW TO MARINERS

— CLASS —

Sat, Jan 12 • 6:30p
Sun, Jan 13 • 12:30p
Upper Room

Learn more about our Mariners family and how you can get connected.

search **new**

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ROOTED

Sundays • 11a-1p
begins Jan 20

Wednesdays • 6:30-8:30p
begins Jan 23

Rooted provides the opportunity to connect with God, the church community and your purpose in unexpected, life-changing ways

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ANNUAL READ

This year's annual read will take us through the foundational passages of the Bible chronologically. Reading 2 chapters a day, 5 days a week, we'll cover the whole Bible over 2019. **\$20 including tax**

Bibles and reading plans for adults, students and kids are available in the Mariners Bookstore

The graphic shows two books titled 'FOUNDATIONS' by Robby & Sarah C. on a stone surface.

There's something for **everyone** at Mariners.

Visit marinerschurch.org for info on all our events

Sign up online to stay in the loop with our email newsletter

THE *Weekly*

For daily updates, follow **@marinerschurch**



MAKING **GENEROSITY** SIMPLE & SECURE

We give because God first gave to us. We invite you to experience a life of generosity by **GIVING ONLINE** at marinerschurch.org/give or through the offering boxes located at the back of the Worship Center.

BEHOLDING HIM

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

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The way to become you is to become like Christ.

*We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18*

The example of Saul's transformation

From Saul:

*"For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I intensely persecuted God's church and tried to destroy it."
Galatians 1:13*

To Paul:

Immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues: "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were astounded and said, "Isn't this the man in Jerusalem who was causing havoc for those who called on this name...? Acts 9:20-21

Paul's advice to us:

Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1

*I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God, this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
Romans 12:2*

*"A disciple is not above his teacher, but **everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.**" Luke 6:40*

The way to become like Christ is to behold him.

*I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too.
John 14:18-19*

Seeing vs. beholding

*We know that when he appears, **we will be like him because we will see [behold] him as he is.** 1 John 3:2*

see: theōreite = to look closely at, to look with interest and for a purpose, usually indicating the careful observation of details

behold: orsésithe = to look at, but not only the mere act of seeing but also the actual perception of what one sees

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.
John 16:13*

I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

Whatever else in the Bible catches your eye, do not let it distract you from Him. –J.I. Packer