

A Pathway To A Stronger Relationship With Jesus



Exploring Christ

Jesus is an Acquaintance. *You don't know if you believe in him yet, but you are open to it. You are starting to believe there is more to life than eating, working, and sleeping.*

Next Steps

Community:

- Commit to worshipping at church as often as possible.
- Attend our New and Prospective Member's Pathways Class.
- Consider visiting a Sunday School Class.

Personal Growth:

- Read our *Getting Started With The Bible* flyer.
- Commit to reading a 5 minute daily devotional such as *Jesus Calling* or *The Upper Room* (Free online).
- Share with someone that you are attending church.
- Read *In The Grip of Grace*, by Max Lucado.
- Take *Financial Peace University* or read *Total Money Makeover* by Dave Ramsey.

Service:

- Participate in a church ministry, such as Usher, Nursery, Children's Church, etc.



Beginning with Christ

Jesus is Your Friend. *You believe in Jesus, but your faith is young and vulnerable. Your life is starting to change because of your new faith in Jesus.*

Next Steps

Community:

- Attend *A Disciple's Path*, 6 week class.
- Join the church and a Sunday School Class

Personal Growth:

- Write and learn to tell your faith story.
- Commit to reading the Bible with our provided plan or use one in a Bible App on your mobile device.
- Daily devotional: *Hope for Each Day*, by Billy Graham.
- Read *Just Like Jesus*, by Max Lucado.
- Commit to memorizing a verse of Scripture each month.
- Commit to giving to support the church financially.

Service:

- Consider serving at church on a church committee or ministry.
- Invite someone to church or find someone with whom to share your faith.
- Consider volunteering in the community.



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Growing in Christ

Jesus is Your Close Friend. *Your intentional following and learning from Jesus have led you to become close with him. Your life has changed significantly because of your relationship with Jesus.*

Next Steps

Community:

- Join the church and a Sunday School Class if you haven't already.
- Take a Bible Study Class at church.

Personal Growth:

- Commit to reading the whole New Testament.
- Read *The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and other Christian books.
- Commit to reading Scripture and praying daily.
- Commit to giving a tithe (10%) of your income back to God. (Or start working toward tithing.)

Service:

- Lead or co-lead a Sunday School class or Bible study.
- Look for opportunities to talk to others about church and/or Jesus.
- Serve as a shepherd for one of our new members.
- Volunteer at Salkehatchie Summer Service, Kairos Prison Ministry, Vacation Bible School, etc.
- Take a UMC District Lay Servant Ministries Class.



Maturing in Christ

Jesus is Your Intimate Friend. *Following Jesus is the most important part of your life. You are seeking to fulfill God's calling in your life, and you are eager to serve God and share God's love and Good News with others.*

Next Steps

Community:

- Continue participating in and possibly leading Sunday School Classes or Bible Studies.
- Find someone to mentor in the faith.

Personal Growth:

- Read about spiritual disciplines: *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson or *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster and other good Christian books.
- Commit to reading the whole Bible.
- Commit to tithing (10%) back to God.
- Constantly look for opportunities to share your faith in Christ.

Service:

- Look for ways to volunteer or serve at church and in the community.
- Seek to represent Jesus to all people.
- Take a UMC District Lay Servant Ministries Class.