

NEXT STEPS



Worship - SPEND TIME PRAISING GOD // (John 4:23-24)

Our hearts should be in alignment with God's heart. We do this by praising God through music and prayer, including singing, shouting, dancing, and rejoicing before our Creator. Show up to Roots & Sunday morning Worship, sit in front row, sing your heart out, and take notes of the message.



Impact - MAKING A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE // (Matthew 20:28)

In the Bible, God speaks often of the poor and needy. He commands us to give generously to them and to speak up on their behalf. "Wahoo," I get to serve! Be intentional about serving outside of church. If you volunteer, write it down and share how God is moving in your heart and the hearts of others.



N- New Life // (Luke 15; Acts 4:18-20)

Be ready for what God is doing in you, through you, and around you. Pray that you have a desire to share Christ with your friends, family, classmates, neighbors, and those that God put before you. Write down and Pray for the names of people you want to invite.

Name: _____ Name: _____



G- Gifts // (Matthew 10:1; Ephesians 4:11-13)

We are going to challenge you to take the next step in your faith. Volunteer to help out in group or church. Let God use the gifts that he has given you for his glory. (worship, reading scripture, setup, tear down, testimony etc)

Baptism

If you are new to the faith be baptized and confess your love for God! Talk with us about what it looks like to have new life in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:11-17 // "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."

BAPTISM IS A SYMBOL, A STATEMENT, AND A SACRAMENT

Covenant Affirmations – baptism is not a "one day" thing; it is a whole life thing – something that symbolizes our whole walk with Jesus, a spiritual reality we strive to live every day, and something we reflect on for the rest of our lives. (p.129ff)



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Our desire is to cultivate a sense of Hope and Love in each of us, in our church, and in our community for Jesus Christ. We do this by GROWING in habits and taking next steps. Below are some ways of doing that. Talk with us if you need help in next steps.

TAKING A STEP

Now, we say "takes a step" for a reason. It's because there's no finish line or certificate of completion when it comes to spiritual growth. Instead, spiritual growth is a journey (a life-long journey) and no two journeys are identical. That's why our big win doesn't have anything to do with a specific skill or achievement. Instead, a win for God is anytime someone takes a single step closer to owning their faith.

OWNING YOUR FAITH

What, exactly, does it look like to own your faith? Well, we believe there are seven things that both lead to, and are a result of, spiritual growth. We use the acronym GROWING to define these spiritual habits that we wish to cultivate in our hearts.



God - SPEND TIME WITH GOD // (Mark 1:17; Psalm 119:105)

This is an obvious one, right? After all, if we are ever going to make our faith our own, we've got to start spending time with God on our own. It means opening the Bible, having conversations with God, praying, and discovering how best connect with God. Resource: Youversion Bible App



Relationships - SPEND TIME w/OTHERS // (Matt 18; Acts 2:42-47)

Engaging in healthy community can, and should, be a spiritual habit we develop. A "healthy community" doesn't just mean hanging out with Christians. This spiritual habit is about growing in Christlike relationships with everyone. It means going to Sunday Services, ROOTS Youth, Life Groups, and faith activities.



Offering - CULTIVATING A COMPASSIONATE HEART //

(Luke 21:1-4; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10)We love seeing hearts grow for others and a desire to share resources in order to grow the Kingdom. Pray about the sacrifices that God is asking of you. Offer up your resources and finances to God by giving to the church and watch God do incredible things through your giving. .

Always Growing 