PRACTICE THE **PRACTICES**

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there is a chance for you to plug into the practices.

- 1. Figure out where you are.
- 2. Choose one next step.
- 3. Take action.
- 4. Share your experience.

JESUS IS

WORTH SHARING

START

- Invite a friend.
- · Share a social post.
- · Hand out invitation cards.

GROW

- · Invite a coworker.
- · Share the message online.
- · Bring a friend to your Core or Wellness Group.
- Tell your story of Jesus & The Gathering.

STRETCH

- · Invite a stranger or large group.
- · Lead a Summer Hang or a Group.
- · Help someone else share their story.

serve

IN & OUTSIDE

THE CHURCH

START

- · Complete the SERVE form.
- · Shadow a serving area.
- · Do a random act of kindness.

GROW

- · Serve on a Sunday Hospitality or Kids team.
- · Invite someone to serve with you.
- Lead a community service opportunity.

STRETCH

- · Lead a team.
- Try a new way to serve.
- Go on a mission trip or serve locally at least monthly.

GROW IN **GENEROSITY**

START

- · Give your first gift.
- · Give on Christmas Eve & Easter.
- · Create a budget.

GROW

- · Set up a recurring gift.
- Offer a giving testimony.
- · Participate in Saving Grace.

STRETCH

- Structure lifestyle to give 10% or more of your income.
- · Create a will.
- · Consider including The Gathering in vour estate plans.

IN GROUPS WITH OTHERS

START

- Attend EXPLORE.
- Participate in a Wellness Group.
- · Meet with a Site Pastor about joining a Group.

GROW

- Attend a Group weekly.
- · Attend worship with your Group.
- · Serve with your Group.

STRETCH

- · Lead a Core or Wellness Group
 - Invite someone to your Group.
 - · Be a CoreGroup Coach, help other leaders.



START

- Offer a morning gratitude prayer.
- · Read the Lord's Prayer.
- · Pray: "Help; Thanks; Wow!" by Anne Lamont.

GROW

- Say grace at meals at home & in public!
- · Learn The Lord's Prayer.
- · Prav before bed.

STRETCH

- Pray for someone.
- Pray out loud weekly.
- Google & learn the Wesley Covenant Prayer.

FIND POWER

AS ONE BODY

START

- Fill out a CONNECT Card.
- Sing & receive communion.
- Attend an entire sermon series.

GROW

- Prioritize weekly worship.
- Attend NEXT.
- · Download or bring a Bible.

STRETCH

- · Take notes or serve in worship.
- · Meet someone new.
- Do the challenge from the sermon.



OUR SHARED PRACTICES

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THE AS ONE BODY **PRACTICES**

Faith is more than a static list of beliefs. It is also actively living your life in a way that will help you grow and evolve spiritually.

At The Gathering, we commit to six spiritual practices to help us pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus.



Worship is more than an obligation. It's a weekly opportunity for us to participate in the body of Christ. We find authentic community, learn from God's word, experience the power of new life through Communion, offer thanks, and leave read<u>y to live</u> changed lives and inspire change

in others.



In the midst of a busy world, God speaks to us most clearly during quiet, still moments. Prayer helps us slow down and remain open to those Holy encounters. There are hundreds of ways to pray, and maintaining a regular practice keeps us aware of both God's desires for our lives and

the needs of the world.

WITH OTHERS

God does not call us to remain stagnant - and forms us best when we grow in faith together, not alone. Through Wellness and CoreGroups, God opens us to experience transformation and helps us shape deep friendships and relationships with one another.

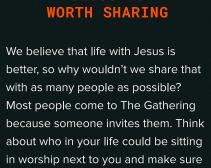
GENEROSITY

Jesus teaches us everything we have is a gift from God, including our money. We follow him, not by using it all for ourselves, but by giving some of it away to help the church in its work. Giving to The Gathering serves others, helps new people connect with Jesus, supports those in need, and ensures the church is around for years to come.

IN & OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

Through Jesus, we learn that we find our life by giving it a way. Serving allows us to use our gifts, talents, and time to impact the lives of other people. At The Gathering we encourage people to serve within the church and in the community.





they know they are welcome. It could

change someone's life!







