

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.

invite

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.

give

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 your estate plans.

grow

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.

pray

PAUSE & GET
TO KNOW JESUS

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.
- Pray before bed.

STRETCH

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

worship

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.

THE SIX 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

FIND POWER
AS ONE BODY

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 ready to live changed lives and inspire change in others.

pray

PAUSE & GET
TO KNOW JESUS

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.

grow

IN GROUPS
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.

give

GROW IN
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.

serve

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.

invite

JESUS IS
WORTH SHARING

We believe that life with Jesus is better, so why wouldn't we share that with as many people as possible? Most people come to The Gathering because someone invites them. Think about who in your life could be sitting in worship next to you and make sure they know they are welcome. It could change someone's life!

