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How do I start my
new life with Jesus?

ClearView Community Church

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Introduction

You've trusted Christ as your Savior. Now what's next?

Inside this little book, you'll discover more about what your decision to follow Jesus means.

Each day will include teachings and thoughts from the Bible and ideas to try for yourself.

Together, we'll answer questions like, "What does this mean," "What should I do," and "What does this change?" Our hope is that this tool can provide guidance as you begin your journey of following Jesus.

This book is organized into 21 days, but feel free to go at the pace that best helps you grow. You might finish this book in 100 days, 21 days, or a week. You might even keep reading it over and over. Finishing the book is less important than finding direction, growing in confidence, and starting conversations with others about what you're learning.

You can go through this book on your own, but it's so much better when you read it with someone else. If you tap or scan the QR code below, you can let a pastor or staff member know that you've trusted Christ as your Savior. They would love to talk with you about your decision!



Following Jesus is a process of taking next steps, one day at a time. We're glad to join you!

Helpful Resources

This book is just one of many tools from ClearView that can support your faith journey. Below are two additional resources that can be a consistent source of encouragement, guidance, and connection as you step into new life with Jesus.



The Bible App: Take the Bible with you wherever you go by downloading the Bible App. Listen to audio Bibles, study with friends, and much more—all for free.



The ClearView App: Download our new app where you can listen to sermons, share prayer requests, and connect with the church family and events.

(These are links to Apple apps, but they are available on the Google Play store as well.)



This book contains several QR codes. You can tap the codes if using the digital version of the book, or scan the codes with your phone. To scan a code, take out your phone and open your camera app. Point your camera at the code, and your phone will display a link. Tap the link to access the content.

All Scripture quotations are taken from the English Standard Version.

Day 01

What Does It Mean to Trust Christ as Savior?

You've trusted Christ as your Savior—we rejoice with you!

There are a lot of ways you might hear people talk about saying yes to Jesus' invitation to trust Him. You might hear phrases like “committing your life to Jesus,” “becoming a Christian,” “getting saved,” or “choosing to follow Jesus.”

But what does it mean to follow Jesus? What changes and what doesn't? Why? What does He expect of me now?

Those are some of the questions this book will help answer. So, let's start with that first question. **What does it mean to trust Christ as your Savior?**

Following Jesus means becoming like Him. But who is Jesus, and why would we want to be more like Him?

To answer that question, we need to go to the first book of the Bible, Genesis. It tells us that in the beginning, God made the world, humanity included. He gave us the job of enjoying and caring for what He made. But humanity made choices that went against God's plan. These choices—what the Bible calls sin—separated us from our perfect God and limited our ability to do the job He had given us.

Millennia later, God's Son entered the world as a baby named Jesus. Jesus lived around 33 years on earth and spent that time showing us the true and best way to live—by loving God and loving others. Then He closed the separation between us and God, His Father, by dying on a cross and rising from the dead.

Why would Jesus, fully God and fully man, make this kind of sacrifice for us? Before His death, Jesus sat down with a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus late one night. Nicodemus had lots of questions about what it meant to follow Jesus. As part of His response to his questions, Jesus shared some of His most famous words:



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

God’s love for us is so great that Jesus was willing to die for our sins so we could be a part of His family forever. That’s the kind of love that would make anyone want to trust Christ’s love, forgiveness, and commit to a new way of life.

Tomorrow, we’ll talk about how that happens, but today, let’s consider Jesus’ answer as we talk with Him in prayer.



Pray with your own words, or try these:

God, I have decided to trust that Jesus is Your Son who came to save me and the world. I don’t know everything about what this means yet, but I do want to follow Jesus and live His way. Thank You for loving me enough to send Jesus. Thank You for choosing me to be a part of Your family. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 02

What Happens After I Trust Christ as Savior?

Yesterday we ended with prayer, and today we'll start with it. God loves to commune with us through prayer.



Pray with your own words, or try these:

God, thank You for the gift of salvation: saving me from myself and bringing me into a healing relationship with You. Use Your Word and love to shape me today, in the coming weeks, and for the rest of my life. I'm trusting You to make me new. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Christians finish prayers in Jesus' name because this is one of the ways Jesus told us to pray. **We're able to connect with God on a first-name basis because of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.** And we need this kind of connection if we're going to live our lives His way and become more like Him.

Jesus lived His life with integrity. He loved His enemies, pushed back against injustice, and welcomed people that culture rejected. **After we trust Christ as Savior, we start the lifelong process of following Him.** So, over time, we begin taking on those same traits. In fact, when Jesus summed up all of the commandments in the Bible, He asked us to love God with all we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But is

that process automatic, or is it something we have a role in making happen? It's not one or the other—it's both.



He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. . . . But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:2, 5-6

Becoming more like Jesus is a process. It is God's initiative and work, and He calls us to submit to that work and join Him in it. For the rest of our journey together, we're going to look at three ways we can do that:

Learning some of the basics of following Jesus—Who is God? What does it look like to talk to God and learn more about Him? What are some good next steps we can take? We'll spend the rest of this week answering important questions like these.

Living as Jesus lived—During Jesus' time on Earth, He modeled many ways of living that can bring us closer to God, help us connect with Him, and live like Him. These are called spiritual disciplines. We'll spend week two exploring some of these practices.

Loving as Jesus Loved—Nothing makes us grow more like Jesus than loving as He loved. During week three, we'll take a look at what it means to put Jesus' love into practice and see how formative this is for us as Christ-followers.



Pause to Consider:

Which parts of my life do I hope God will make new? How do I want to partner with God to care for others and the world around me?

Day 03

Who is God?

Is God:

God the Father?

Jesus the Son?

The Holy Spirit?

All Three in One?

Yes!

Choosing to follow Jesus is a Three-in-One decision: You are accepting the invitation through **Jesus** (the Son of God) to become a child of God the **Father**, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, and empowered to live as a son or daughter of God. **God is Three in One.**

We can see God reflected this way, as the Trinity, all throughout the Bible. The Spirit of God was present with God the Father from the beginning of creation, as seen in the first two sentences of the Bible.



*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.*

Genesis 1:1-2

Later, John retells the story of creation. This time, Jesus is also mentioned and John refers to Him as God's Word. You'll definitely want to get a Bible or download the Bible App to read all of the book

of John soon. Here are a few verses from John chapter 1 that describe the three parts of God's being:



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God . . . to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth . . . No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known . . . "I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

John 1:1-2, 12, 14, 18, 33-34

There's a lot in those verses. Here's the takeaway: God the Son (Jesus), God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit are One, and Jesus came not just to show us what God is like but to give us direct access to the Father forever with the Holy Spirit.

We want to acknowledge that this is a significant mystery! Men have been trying to understand this more deeply for nearly 2,000 years. So, don't be discouraged if you're struggling to wrap your mind around this teaching. The wonderful thing about growing in our faith is that, as we mature as Christians and the Spirit guides us, we grow in our understanding of how God functions through these mysteries, even when our minds can't fully grasp Him.



Pray with your own words, or try these:

God, help me to know You as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is a mystery I can't comprehend, but through each of these Persons, I trust You as my Provider, my Savior, and my Guide. In Jesus' name, amen.

Day 04

How Does God Guide Us?

Yesterday we prayed: God, help me to know You as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **The Holy Spirit is our Guide and our Helper.**

Who is the Holy Spirit, and how does He guide us? Do we have to act really spiritual to get the Spirit's attention? Jesus promised something different.

Jesus described the Holy Spirit as a comforter, advocate, helper, and friend. Do you know anyone like that? Maybe a mentor, parent, or wise friend? As you read Jesus' words, think about the Holy Spirit as comforter, advocate, helper, and friend:



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17

Jesus made this promise to His followers while telling them He would soon leave to be with the Father.



“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:7

His followers might have felt confused, worried, or even abandoned, but Jesus clarified that His physical leaving was less about going away and more about coming closer.



I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

John 14:18-20

Jesus was coming closer because the Holy Spirit would not only be with us, but in us: the Spirit did what Jesus promised and came to fill His followers with comfort, conviction, power, and love.

By trusting Christ as Savior and living His way, we invite the Holy Spirit to help, comfort, and convict us, and guide us in understanding the Scriptures and who God is.



The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

God chooses, by the Spirit, to live within us and guide us. In the coming weeks, we will identify practices for becoming more Christlike in our daily living.



Pray with your own words, or try these:

God, thank you for the Holy Spirit. Will You continue to help me know You as comforter, helper, advocate, and friend? I trust You to guide me as I follow the way of Jesus. In His name, amen.

Day 05

What is Baptism?

In the last few days, we've learned about God's Three-in-One nature—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and how God lives in us through the Holy Spirit. Today, we'll read another story from the Bible where all three parts of the Trinity are represented.

The main topic we're exploring today is baptism. **Baptism is a public way that Jesus' followers declare, in obedience to Him, their decision to follow Him and commit to His church.** A pastor, along with friends and family, stands with you in water and helps you lean back into the water and come right back up.

But why go underwater? It's a symbol representing Jesus' death, resurrection, and new life through Him.

- Leaning back under the water symbolizes your sins being washed away by the blood of Jesus on the cross.
- Being raised out of the water is a picture of being brought back to a new life, like Jesus was raised back to life from the tomb.

This public declaration of our new life with Jesus is similar to the way Jesus Himself was baptized to inaugurate His ministry on earth:



Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And



when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:13-17

At the end of Jesus’ time on earth, He gathered His followers together and shared this mission:



Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit . . .

Matthew 28:19

When you’ve trusted Christ as your Savior and committed to living as He has called you to live, baptism is the next step to take. Remember, it’s a public declaration that says to your church and to the world, “I have decided to follow Jesus!”



Pause to consider:

Have you been baptized? What would it be like for you to take this next step in following Jesus and committing to His church? What questions do you still have about baptism?



Tap or scan to learn more, ask questions, or tell us you’re interested in getting baptized.

Day 06

How Do I Get to Know God?

How do you get to know someone? Most of us get to know a new friend by asking questions, spending time together, and sharing meaningful experiences.

But interacting with God is different than getting tacos and talking with our friends. So, how do we get to know God?

1. We read the Bible.

The Bible is a collection of books and letters written by men thousands of years ago. So, why should we read it today?

We'll talk more about the Bible on a future day, but here are some basics. The Bible helps us to see what God is like and how people like us have come to know Him. Its authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote down stories and information about God's goodness and justice, challenged readers, and engaged with the hardest parts of life.

Throughout the Bible, we get to see God's qualities and character like His kindness, forgiveness, and wrath. And we get to see His character up close through the life of Jesus.

2. We spend time with God in prayer.

Prayer is a critical way that we communicate our joy, sorrow, and needs to God.

How do you pray? Prayer is communicating with God. You might thank Him for who He is, ask for help, confess sins, or simply be silent in His presence. Prayer isn't a performance, so you don't need to

worry about saying the “wrong” things. In fact, Jesus gave us the example on how to pray. He said:



Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

Matthew 6:9-13

Remember, God’s Spirit lives in you. If you struggle in how or what to pray, just pray through Jesus’ prayer and ask the Spirit to guide you in what you should pray.

3. We gather regularly with other Christians.

Getting to know God is about “Jesus and me” and “Jesus and we.” The Bible reminds us of who God is and instructs us in how to live like Jesus, and this is done in **community**.



And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

We grow as Christ-followers through biblical preaching, fellowship with other believers walking the same path, and worshiping God together. Jesus established the church to make this possible for us! If you haven’t yet, make a plan to meet others at church this week. Consider inviting a friend, family member, or neighbor to come with you so they can experience the life-changing way of Christ as well!



Tap or scan to learn more about our weekly gatherings for corporate worship at ClearView.

Day 07

What am I Learning?

Congratulations! You've made it to the end of week one. We are so glad you're taking intentional steps to grow in your faith.

Deciding to follow Jesus is a big decision, and it's probably stirred up some new ideas, questions, and perhaps doubts. But that's okay. Remember, **following Jesus is a lifelong journey, so we don't need to have it all figured out after one week.**

With all of that in mind, how are you doing?

Below, there's space for you to write down two or three words or phrases to describe how you feel about your faith journey. Maybe you feel excited and expectant, or you might feel a little uncertain. You might not even be able to describe exactly how you're feeling.

Don't worry about having a "right" answer. Your honest answer for now can lead you to finding biblical answers as you grow. You don't need to share these words with anyone if you don't want to; this is simply a chance for you to reflect.

In the past week, we’ve seen that God loves us, forgives us, and provides us with a purpose—to become more like Jesus every day and to worship Him as Lord. We’ve also seen that He wants to have a close relationship with us, so He’s provided us with ways to relate to Him and understand Him.

We’ve only scratched the surface of all there is to know about following Jesus, and we’re excited to continue this journey with you.

As we conclude week one and get ready for week two, think about and write down a question or two you might have about God, faith, or the Bible. Then, **share your question with a pastor or trusted friend sometime this week.**

Read the verse below and think about it for a minute or two, then bring this to God in prayer.



And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6



We’re meant to go through life together, not alone. Tap or scan this QR code below to connect with our team at ClearView. We’d love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have!

Day 08

Who am I Becoming?

Welcome to week two of our study! Last week, we discovered that being a Christian begins with our response to Jesus' saving work on the cross and committing to following Him, followed by a lifelong process of becoming more like Him.

Now, you might be wondering: What does it actually look like to become more like Christ?

Is this even possible?

After all, Jesus is God, the Creator of everything, who has always existed and who never sinned. How could we possibly become like Him or live like Him?

Well, how do you become a concert violinist, or pro basketball player, or expert chef? First, **you start somewhere**. You commit to a new way of life and obedience to what that calls you to. This commitment doesn't make you a master, but it does make you a learner in the process of becoming something more.

As a learner, you gain knowledge, develop relationships, practice skills, and overcome setbacks. Learners also make mistakes, fall short, and keep moving forward, because we're all fallen. The word Jesus used for a learner and follower is "disciple."

When we accepted Christ as Savior, we accepted the call to a lifelong process of becoming His disciples.

For the next two weeks, we're going to explore how to be a disciple of Jesus. **First, we'll learn about some of the habits and mindsets Jesus**

valued and lived out, also called spiritual disciplines. Then, we'll explore how Jesus loved and how we can show the same kinds of sacrificial care to others, even when it's hard to do sometimes.

During Jesus' time on earth, some people were trying to figure out whether Jesus was really God's Son as He claimed. They asked Him, "Which is the great commandment in the Law?" He responded:



... "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus summed up all of God's words to us as: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Becoming the kind of person who loves God and loves your neighbors is a process that will take your whole life.

Every disciple experiences setbacks and failures. If you're like the rest of us, you may have experienced some of those setbacks already. You might have returned to an old sinful habit, used hurtful words, or failed in some way in the past week. When we fall short, we don't need to hide or run from God or others.



There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:1-2



Pray with your own words, or try these:

God, what an amazing promise from Romans! Will you help me repent every day and believe this promise that I am now not condemned because of You? In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 09

How Do I Read the Bible?

To Jesus, the Bible was so much more than words on a page. That's because God shaped the Bible to show believers in Christ how to live and love across generations. But how do we approach it? After all, it's a massive collection of writings spanning thousands of years and genres of writing like poetry, songs, history, laws, and letters.

Our modern Bibles contain two main sections. The first is the Old Testament which is also referred to as the Law and the Prophets; this is the "Bible" that Jesus and the Disciples studied and preached. The second is the New Testament, written after the time of Jesus. Even though Jesus only used the Old Testament to teach, how He used it can inform how we read the entire Bible. Let's start by looking at some ways Jesus used and understood Scripture.

1. Jesus used Scripture to show His character.

Yesterday, we saw how Jesus quoted the Law to emphasis love and how we ought to love God and one another. Here is another example of how Jesus used Scripture when He came to His hometown, Nazareth, and revealed more of who He was as he quoted Isaiah:



He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives . . . to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." . . . And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
Luke 4:17-19, 21

This is an incredible example of how Scripture consistently reveals who God is, and Jesus proclaiming to all around Him that He is God! So, as we read the Bible, it can be helpful to ask the question. “How do these words help me know and love God better?”

2. Jesus used Scripture in context.

In Matthew 4, Jesus is tempted by a spiritual enemy, Satan. Satan quotes the Bible to make his lies sound like spiritual wisdom—but Jesus isn’t fooled because He studied, meditated on, and knew the Scriptures and how to read them **in context**.

Ancient authors wrote the Bible with different languages and historical context than we have today. When we read the Bible, it’s important to ask questions like, “Who wrote this? What genre of writing is this? What was the author’s intended meaning to his audience?” When we don’t read in context, we risk reading our *own* meanings into the text. **The Bible was written for us, but not directly to us.**

3. Jesus understood Scripture’s unique nature and authority.

The Apostle Paul writes this to his mentee, Timothy, about Scripture:



All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Jesus used Scripture with this same understanding as He corrected false teaching, taught His disciples about who He was, and showed His followers how to love God and love others. We can rest in our Bibles, knowing that they are truly God’s revealed Word to us, and every page reveals His glory and His love!



Tap or scan for some of our recommended translations and resources for reading and studying the Bible.

Day 10

How Do I Pray?

Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer. The Bible tells us on multiple occasions, Jesus stayed up all night to pray. Why? He's God, right? Why does He need to pray?

During Jesus' time on Earth, He was fully God and fully man. As a human, He was like us and didn't take any shortcuts to living a human life, so He needed the same kind of habits we do. Here are three reasons Jesus prayed as outlined by Todd Miles that can show us how to pray as well:

1. Jesus prayed because He was dependent on His Father.

In Jesus' life and ministry, we see over and over how He depended on His Father for strength and guidance. While He was fully God, Philippians 2 teaches us that Jesus willingly laid aside some of His divine power and knowledge to be obedient to the Father and His mission to save us. Jesus was dependent on prayer to seek God's will and remain tethered to His source of strength in the Father. Look at this example from Luke where Jesus prepared for a hard decision:



In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles.

Luke 6:12-13

Could Jesus have tapped into His divine knowledge to just make this decision easily? Yes! But He laid that aside and instead chose to pray—

to be dependent on His Father. And when we see His dependence on the Father, we too can know that we can depend on Him.

2. Jesus prayed because He enjoyed conversing with His Father.

Just like sons and daughters should love to talk with their fathers, Jesus loved talking with His Father! We already mentioned how Jesus went off to pray and be with His Father so often during His ministry, and He wasn't just praying for Himself. John 17 shows us how, even on the night before His excruciating torture and death, He prayed for others.

3. Jesus prayed to teach us how to pray.

Back in Day 6, we looked at how Jesus not only exemplified prayer as a habit, but He also gave us a direct example of **how to pray!** Go back to Day 6 and reread that prayer. While this prayer is not meant to be an exclusive way to pray, we see how Jesus touched on many different subjects and gave a kind of blueprint for our prayers to follow.

So, what can we learn from Jesus' prayer life?

- Jesus made prayer a priority; He did it often.
- Jesus showed us how to depend on our Father in prayer.
- Jesus showed us how to grow in love for our Father in prayer.
- Jesus even showed us how to pray!



Today, start a habit of prayer. Simply take a few moments on your way home from work, right when you wake up in the morning, or as you lay your head on the pillow at night to pray to your Father. Tell Him what you're thankful for and seek Him for your needs. This is a key habit to growing in your love for Him.



Our staff prays for the congregation every week. How can we pray for you this week? Tap or scan to share your prayer request with us.

Day 11

How Do I Find Christian Friends?

Throughout His ministry, Jesus surrounded Himself with people who could encourage Him, pray for Him, and support Him. Yes, Jesus was their Savior, but He was also their friend.

Here's how Jesus talked about His relationship with His followers:



No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:15

If Jesus chose close relationships, it's a good idea for us to find close relationships with other Christ-followers too.

Sometimes life can feel impossibly difficult, and in those moments, we need people we can lean on for prayer, guidance, and support. In times of joy, celebrating with friends can make those moments even more meaningful. And when we're not following Jesus well, close friends can lovingly challenge us and help keep us on track.

These things are true about relationships because God made us to be like Him. God is in relationship with Himself in the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and He made us to be in life-giving relationship with Him and others.

“But where do I even begin?” Paul writes to the church in Colossae about how corporate worship builds friendships and forms our spiritual lives:



*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **bearing with one another** and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving each other**; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed **you were called in one body**. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing **one another** in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Colossians 3:12-16

Like we mentioned on Day 6, God does not save us into a vacuum, but into a family! He established the church for us to continue our walk with Him, and practically this is expressed in a local church, or a **specific gathering of believers under the spiritual authority and leadership of a local pastor and group of elders** who care for you and protect you. Your first step is to make Sunday corporate worship your habit.

If you don't currently have close Christian friends, getting connected at ClearView is a wonderful place to start. In addition to our regular Sunday gatherings, you can get plugged into a Small Group (or a group of about 10 to 15 people who study and pray together regularly), you can find a place to serve and use your gifts in one of the ministries at church, or, if you need more intentional and confidential help, we can connect you with a pastor or a mentor to walk with you.



God created us to live life together! Don't be afraid to connect. Scan or tap to us know how we can help you get connected to God's family.

Day 12

What is Worship?

What comes to mind when you read that word, *Worship*? You might think of something like music and singing which is what we do together every Sunday morning, and you'd be right! But there's so much more to the idea of worship, and in following Jesus' example, we see that **His life was characterized by worship, and He established practices for us.**

The Psalmist gives a pretty simple definition of worship:



Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

So here, we see **who** we should be worshiping and that He **deserves** that worship. Jesus worshiped His Father in heaven with His disciples. On the evening before His execution, He shared a meal with the disciples at Passover. At the end of the meal, they all sang together. In ancient Jewish culture, people often sang Psalms 113-118 to celebrate Passover, so it's likely that Jesus sang these words of praise:



Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Psalm 113:5-8

Today, like the Passover celebration, worship services are a dedicated time and space for God's people to worship together. Worship through corporate singing allows us to respond to God by declaring who He is and remembering what He's done, and when we sing **together** rather than separately, we're reminding each other of this with our unified voice. Worship through corporate Scripture reading reflects Paul's instruction to us in 1 Timothy 4, and when we read **together**, we're allowing God to teach us directly from His Word and we're reminding each other of the truth and beauty in the Bible. And worship through the Lord's Supper, or Communion, is where we all remind each other of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us and the new eternal life we gain because of it. When we eat and drink **together**, this is part of how we identify ourselves as Christ-followers in the world.

But doesn't worship mean more than all this? Our corporate gathering each week is one of the most important ways that we worship and how God has created and instructed us to worship. But it goes beyond just these corporate expressions.

We worship whenever we express our devotion to God. Seeing a beautiful sunset, witnessing the birth of a child, or experiencing an answer to prayer can create moments of praise. Experiencing the loss of a loved one, walking through physical or mental illness, or wrestling with our sin can create moments of petition and calling on God's mercy and grace. **Any moment that reminds us of God's character and actions is an opportunity for worship and spiritual formation.**

Flip back a page and reread the passage from Colossians 3. In this beautiful explanation of worship, we see that it not only fuels our love for God, but it helps us love each other better. This week, reflect on God's character and express your gratitude to Him, and come Sunday morning to join your fellow believers in praise and remembrance!



Tap or scan this code to see a list of biblical resources on worship.

Each week, our Spotify playlist is updated with songs we're singing in services. Tap or scan to listen!



Day 13

How Do I Fight Temptation?

Do you ever want to do something even though you know it's wrong?

For three years, everything about Jesus' life was uncomfortable. He shared uncomfortable truths with people in power, endured daily attacks from His critics, and regularly heard about plots to kill Him. But early in His story, He received an offer to skip past all the suffering and take an easier route.

For 40 days, Jesus spent time alone in the desert without food. While He was vulnerable, Satan offered Him an easy way to escape suffering. (You can read the full story by tapping or scanning the QR code on the next page.)

We're tempted when we're offered a shortcut or alternative to God's way, and because of our sinful natures, we are prone to take these shortcuts. The Old Testament warns us against what modern culture encourages us to do: follow our hearts.



The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

But can we overcome these temptations? Is their hope for our hearts? Yes! We look to Jesus and remember our new identity in Him.

Jesus' spiritual disciplines helped Him overcome temptation. He knew the Bible, and He also knew His purpose and identity—and how living it out would include making hard, uncomfortable choices for the good of others and to remain obedient to God. There were no easy ways out or shortcuts. He refused to compromise His identity and calling for momentary pleasure or relief; He grounded Himself in the Scriptures.

We face temptations every day, both big and small, that can distract us from who we're becoming and try to pull us away from God. But here's the good news: not only does God want to help us overcome temptation, He's given us all we need to do so! Read what Paul had to say about temptation:



No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

And not only this, we are given a new identity. Paul describes how our hopelessness in our sin was crucified with Christ on the cross, and we now have **a new self**. This is what Baptism is depicting!



We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Romans 6:4

We can be like Jesus and prepare for temptation before it strikes. We do this by reading, believing, and living out God's truths in the Bible, asking God for help in prayer, and confessing our struggles to others. And through all of this, we consider ourselves alive to God in Jesus!



Pray with your own words, or try these:

Dear God, thank You for giving me a new identity in You, not in my sin. Help me to recognize and resist temptation when it comes. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Read about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by tapping or scanning this code.

Day 14

Why Does Jesus Rest?

Do you ever feel anxious about everything going on during the week? Or do you wish you had more time for the people in your life? If so, you're in good company. Life often seems to demand that we be busy. But Jesus calls us to a different (and better) way of living.

Check out this passage from the life of Jesus:



But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Luke 5:15-16

Think about what this passage is saying. People wanted to hear Jesus teach and receive healing, and no one else could duplicate His ministry. And yet, He needed time alone to rest and remain healthy and ready for when He was in the trenches of rigorous ministry.

We, too, need to rest. Like Jesus, we can set boundaries with our time and purposefully slow down when needed. All humans need rest, and because Jesus was fully God and fully man, that limitation was true of Him in His earthly state, too.

Rest is also worship. The Bible begins with an account of God creating the world. The story uses a seven-day structure to describe God's work. On the sixth day God created people, but the seventh day was a

day of rest. Why is that important? God gave us the pattern in this seven-day structure which included an intentional day of rest.

Throughout the Bible, the seventh day of the week is called the Sabbath. On that day, people are instructed to worship by not doing work. But how is this worship?

It's easy to forget this basic spiritual truth: God is in control; we're not. When we forget, we tend to try to control our lives through work. We begin obsessing over our to-do lists and worry about falling behind.

But when we choose to prioritize rest in our weekly rhythm, we follow **God's pattern**. It leads us to plan our weeks well and do the work God has called us to do in the days He's called us to do it, then intentionally set it all aside and focus on Him. This is why the Sabbath, a time devoted to rest, is worshipful.

You might work long hours and have people who depend on you. Don't feel guilty if you're not able to strictly take a full day off each week to rest. Instead, find moments to rest when you can. Jesus did the same.

So, what about you? How might you add rest into each week, and how might you add rest into each day?

Meditate on this command from God to stop striving and rest in Him:



"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah
Psalm 46:10-11



Listen to this song which invites us in our weariness to hide in Him. Take time, believer, to rest.

Day 15

How Do I Love Like Jesus Loved?

Welcome to the final week of our study!

Last week, we started some spiritual disciplines to help us live the way Jesus lived. We witnessed how His disciplines and commitments made way for His ministry. This week, we'll explore how Jesus related to other people. What were others' reactions to Him? How did He use His words and actions to accomplish His purposes?

Let's check out an argument Jesus chose to break up. It happened between a few of His disciples:



An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

Luke 9:46-48

The disciples had the wrong idea of how to achieve greatness as followers of Jesus. Maybe they thought the greatest was the one who performed the greatest miracles or knew the Scriptures the most. But Jesus has a different definition of greatness. He said that the person who welcomes a child is the greatest. What does this mean?

Jesus explained: “He who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

In other words, Jesus said that the greatest in God’s eyes is the person who isn’t seeking prestige, power, or a platform. Instead, they’re seeking to humbly serve.

Jesus, who is God, came as a baby to a humble family in a small village. When He grew up, He wasn’t belligerent with His disciples and other followers. Instead, He lovingly led them, sometimes with correction and admonishment, and looked for ways to meet their needs when He could. And He was humble.

That’s why He tells us the way to be the greatest in the kingdom is to consistently do good without seeking attention or praise. Service levels the playing field. It helps us see one another as God sees us—all made in His image. It helps us see God—great and powerful and wonderful and deserving of all praise—as the One we serve when we serve others.

If we want to love like Jesus as Christ-followers, we need to pursue His version of greatness. Jesus lived an others-focused and God-oriented life that led Him to hospitality, service, forgiveness, generosity, telling others of God’s love, and yes, even His admonishment and correction of sin and false teaching which is an act of love. We’ll explore many of these topics this week.

So, what are you pursuing in life? When we trust Christ as Savior, it not only gives us a new self, a new identity, a new purpose for living as we’ve already discussed . . . it also transforms our priorities and the way we see others. The world invites us to be “great” by pursuing selfish goals that may lead to power and comfort. Jesus, on the other hand, calls us to die to ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. When we’ve truly committed ourselves to that kind of path, we’re able to love as He loves and serve as He served.



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Day 16

Forgiving Others

Forgiveness is a big deal to God. He loves to forgive. That's why, throughout the Bible, God generously offers forgiveness to all kinds of people.

As Christians, we know what it's like to be forgiven. We've all sinned and fallen short of His holy standard and made hurtful choices. But God offers us forgiveness through Jesus Christ—not because we earned it, but because God loves to forgive. This is the heart of the Gospel, that while we were still sinners and dead in our hopelessness, Jesus saved us. Hallelujah!

It's no surprise that Jesus forgave a lot of people during His ministry. The Gospels tell us He forgave people's sins. At the end of Jesus' ministry, He was beaten, humiliated, and hung on a cross to die because He claimed to have the authority, as God, to do this—forgive sins. Despite all of the pain and rejection He experienced, these were some of His last words:



"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Luke 23:34a

This is how much Jesus was committed to His mission, to obedience to God, and how much He loves to forgive.

What does this mean for us as Christ-followers? You've probably already guessed it: **Christ followers forgive others.**

One of Jesus' followers, Peter, asked Jesus about forgiveness. He wondered how often he needed to forgive someone when they keep messing up. Relatable question, right? Matthew 18 tells us:



Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-22

Now, this doesn't mean we should literally count how many times we forgive someone. Instead, Jesus is encouraging us to pursue forgiveness regularly and habitually, no matter what.

But let's be honest; this can be a very difficult thing. Perhaps you've experienced great pain and wounding from someone or a group of people in your past, people whom you trusted. You might be thinking, “I don't have it in me to forgive them.” You see, forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting what was said or done to you, and it doesn't excuse those who have harmed you. You might feel like that person owes a debt to you, like you want to get even. It's a very natural response.

Rather, forgiveness is first remembering the mercy and forgiveness we've received in Christ for our sins, and then **by the Spirit's strength and love**, choosing to release that debt of the person into God's care. In and of ourselves, we may not have the power to forgive others. But by the power of the Holy Spirit and because of how Christ has forgiven us, we can refuse to let anger, hurt, or betrayal control our minds and hearts, and remember that that person or that group of people are in God's hands, not ours. We can forgive because He first forgave us.



Pray with your own words, or try these:

Dear God, thank You for forgiving me, even when I don't deserve it. Will You show me someone I need to forgive and give me the strength to forgive like You? In Jesus' name, amen.

Day 17

Becoming a Generous Person

In the months leading up to Jesus' ministry, rumors spread about the coming Savior of the world. People had a lot of opinions about what He'd be like, so they went to Jesus' cousin, John, for answers.

Many wanted to know how they could get ready for the Savior's arrival. John the Baptist told them this:



"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Luke 3:11

According to John, **generosity makes room in our hearts for Christ.**

Generosity means sharing what you have to help someone else. It includes our money but also everything else we have—our time, our skills, and our resources.

So, how can you become a generous person? It's not complicated, but's not always easy. Here are a few ways to be generous.

1. Ask yourself, "What do I need?"

God wants us to enjoy the things we have, but we don't own our stuff. God does, and He calls us to share what we have with others. So ask yourself, "What do I really need?" You'd be surprised, when you're honest with yourself, how little we *need* versus how much we *want*.

2. Ask yourself, “What do I have to share?”

Maybe you have plenty of spare time or a skill you’ve developed. Or maybe you have money that could bless others. No matter what it is, if you have something, you can probably find a way to share it to bless those around you.

3. Ask yourself, “What does my church and community need?”

The people around you, especially those in your church family, have needs you can meet. Maybe your neighbor has experienced a loss and simply being generous with your words and presence could make a difference. Or your church is able to open its doors to the community because of generous givers to keep the lights on and bathrooms cleaned up. When you begin to look around with an eye for generosity, the needs show up.

Christ-followers also give regularly out of what they earn to their local church family. Why? First, we see this habit in the Bible to emulate. But, it’s not just a habit or command. Second, Jesus and the Apostles regularly show how giving is a reflection of the heart. And Third, a faithful and healthy church is doing God’s work in the community. So when we give to the church, we provide it with more opportunities to make an eternal impact and meet the needs of church members and those in the community who look to the church for help.

Jesus was generous, and He calls each of us to live like Him. You have what it takes to be a generous person. You can start by identifying what you need, what you have to share, and then what your church and community need.



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Day 18

Noticing and Meeting the Needs of Others

Today, let's talk about a skill Jesus shows us in the Bible that's easy to overlook. On the surface, it seems ordinary. But it's actually a very important way we can love as Jesus loved.

Jesus was brilliant at **noticing the needs of others**.

Dozens of stories in the Bible begin with Jesus walking somewhere and noticing someone in need. Sometimes their need was visible and physical. Other times it was under the surface or spiritual. Most often, it was a combination of both. Either way, Jesus saw the needs of people around Him.

Once Jesus noticed a need, He used what He had to meet it. | Sometimes, He'd use His words to meet a spiritual or emotional need. Other times, He used His power to heal their physical needs, like helping a blind man see or a terminally ill woman instantly heal.

As Christ-followers, we're called to live others-focused lives. One of the best ways to do that is by serving others. We serve others when we notice their needs and use what we have to meet those needs. Like we talked about yesterday, that often looks like using our time, skills, and resources to help others.

Sometimes, we can't meet a need on our own, but that doesn't mean we can't help. Instead, it's an opportunity to ask for God's help to meet a need that's beyond us. Remember, as a follower of Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit living in you.

On the night before His execution on the cross, Jesus gathered His disciples and washed their feet. Foot washing before meals was a common practice in that day and, as you might imagine, was a task for the lowest of servants. But Jesus, God in human form, chose to wash the feet of His flawed human followers.

Here's what He said after He washed their feet:



For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

John 13:15-17

Christ-followers seek to serve others. We notice needs and, with God's help, we meet them. So, keep your eyes open today. Who around you might need an encouraging word, prayer for physical or emotional healing, or help with a task? As you live an others-focused life, you'll experience greater closeness with God.



Pause to consider:

Where have others seen my needs and helped me? How have I received this kind of loving care and seen Jesus in others, like at my church or in my Small Group? How might this motivate me to do the same?



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Day 19

Loving in the Hard Ways

One of the wonderful things about Jesus as we study and learn from Him is how perfectly He could discern situations and others' hearts and minds.

On Day 3, we discussed who God is, and we learned about this beautiful mystery of the Trinity, that God is truly one God, and yet also truly three Persons. One of the reasons it is so beautiful is because it reflects God's character and how He relates to us. When we read about God in the Bible, we may be tempted to see Him like a pie chart . . . He's 70% holy, 20% loving, and 10% wrathful, or something like this. What we learn with the Trinity, however, is that just as He is 100% the Father, 100% the Son, and 100% the Holy Spirit, He is also 100% loving, 100% holy, 100% merciful, and 100% just in His wrath against sin. **He holds all these attributes together perfectly!**

So, when we read about Jesus and His ministry on earth, we inevitably see many sides to Him. But what about some of these other stories we see in the Bible? Jesus did not back down from confrontation when it was needed, and we see how even in His merciful healing ministry, **Jesus loved in the hard ways.**

Let's look at one example to try and see what we can learn from Jesus and how He loved in a unique way:



The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act



of adultery . . . And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” . . . Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

John 8:3-4, 7, 10-11

Do you see the variety of Jesus’ responses here? In one brief encounter, Jesus loves in a variety of ways. To the Pharisees, he loves by not putting up with their hypocrisy. Even though they reject Him, He calls them to integrity, and this is a loving thing to do.

Then to the woman, He loves her in two ways. First, He forgives her of her sin. Here she is, completely humiliated in her sin in front of everyone, and in mercy and love, He does not condemn her. Then second, in the same breath, He calls her to a higher calling—He exhorts her to stop her sinful ways. Jesus loves us too much to leave us in our sin.

Jesus, out of love for His Father and for us, doesn’t let us stay where we are. He calls us to more.

So, what does this look like for us? You might be thinking, “Well, He’s God. Of course Jesus can handle these kinds of situations perfectly!” Maybe you’re thinking of a friend who continues to do something sinful and harmful, but you’re not sure how to talk to them about it. Or, maybe you have questions about how one of your pastors or leaders handled a situation, but you’re afraid to approach them.

This is where we begin to lean into much of what we’ve already been learning in this study about the Christian life and following Christ. **We’re not left to love in hard ways on our own.** With the Bible as our guide, the Holy Spirit as our Helper, Christian friends as our support, and Jesus as our example, we can love others in hard ways too by entering into tough conversations in healthy, wise ways. That doesn’t guarantee these kinds of situations always go well! But it does give us confidence to love like Jesus loves, sometimes in the hard ways.

Day 20

Telling People About Jesus

On the last day of Jesus' ministry, He left His disciples with some parting words:



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Let's go through this passage together.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Jesus is the Ruler of heaven and earth. He's the King, and we live in His kingdom. Jesus' kingdom isn't like any other nation on earth. That's because it's filled with people who choose to live and love like Jesus through service, generosity, hospitality, and forgiveness.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Not everyone has experienced Jesus' grace, forgiveness, and acceptance. Jesus wants to change that, and He chooses to use us as

part of that mission as His ambassadors. He calls us to go into our neighborhoods, workplaces, and all over the world loving people how Jesus does and showing them the joy, passion, and purpose of a life that's fully devoted to Him.

This could look like inviting your neighbors to church, sharing the story of what God has done in your life, or any number of ways God can use you to share the Gospel and show His love to others around you.

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

As we go into the world telling people about Jesus, we're not alone. Jesus is with us every step of the way through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit encourages us and gives us strength as we pursue His mission.

How do we obey Jesus' command to share His message and way of life with the world? Christians often refer to this as “missions.” We get involved in missions locally by getting to know our neighbors and looking for ways to meet the needs of people in our communities. As we get to know others, we share our stories and, most importantly, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As you invest in your neighborhood or city, look for ways to support global missions as well. There are full time missionaries and missions organizations at work all over the world. Many focus on specific needs like Bible translation, education, disaster relief, and fighting human trafficking.

We can all support missions through prayer. And, you may choose to support their work through financial giving or looking for opportunities to volunteer.



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Day 21

What Happens Next?

You're almost finished with this study, but your story with Christ has just begun. We're so glad that you've taken this journey! Today, we'd like to share these words from an early Christ-follower named Paul.



And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Paul wrote these words to a group of Christ followers two thousand years ago. The whole chapter is full of encouragement for people doing their best to follow Jesus every day. They weren't perfect, but they were making progress, just like we are.

We don't know where you were when Jesus found you and chose you to follow Him. And we don't know the challenges you've had to overcome in the past few weeks. But we are confident that God has started a good work in you, and He will continue His work for the rest of your life.

Our prayer for you is the same prayer Paul shared with some of the first Christ-followers in the ancient church of Philippi:



And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment . . .

Philippians 1:9

You trusted Christ as your Savior. Now keep trusting Him every day.

Seek progress and remember that you won't get everything right all the time. We still battle sin and our weaknesses. But also remember that God is love, so He won't abandon you when life gets hard or when you fail. It won't always feel easy, but as you make progress, you'll witness God working all around you as you live and love like Jesus.

So, what happens next?

Your journey of following Jesus is unique—but that doesn't mean you have to figure out your next steps on your own. Our pastors and staff would love to help you find the best next step for you. Start by committing to Sunday corporate worship gatherings, the climax of the week for us as Christians! From there:

You might choose to find friends through a Small Group.

You might choose to get to know more about our church by attending a ClearView Connect lunch.

You might choose to use your gifts in serving somewhere in the church ministries or missions organizations we support.

However you choose to do it, we encourage you to lean into our church family. We're not perfect; we're all trying to follow Christ every day as best we can too, and we'll make mistakes. (Yes, even your pastors make mistakes!) But stick with us. We're all in this together.

On the next page, you'll see several ideas and opportunities for next steps to continue growing in your faith and in your knowledge of God and the Scriptures.



Pray in your own words, or try these:

Father, there is so much I still want to learn about You, about the world, and about my faith that I've found in You now. Please help me to remain true to You, and guide me every day until I get to see You face to face! In Jesus' name, amen.



Next Steps

Congratulations on finishing this study! We hope it has given you some clarity, confidence, and conviction as a Christ follower.

So, what now?

The best thing you can do now is continue taking the daily steps you've been reading about in this study. There isn't one cookie-cutter path for following Jesus, but Scripture has given us common steps, and we've identified some additional steps to add to them along the way.

We hope you'll read through these common steps and talk with a pastor or staff member about what's next for you:

Getting baptized

Finding a mentor

Joining a Small Group

Sharing your decision to trust Christ as Savior with a friend or family member

Starting to serve and use your gifts

Seeking biblical counseling

Inviting someone to church

Giving back to your church and community

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