



NEXT STEPS

Starting your Discipleship Journey

PART 2



LEADER'S GUIDE

NEXT STEPS (PART 2)

Lesson 6: Your New Relationship with God's Family

- The purpose of a Connect Group
- Living in a Community

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT) 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Lesson 7: Being a Disciple of Christ

- What is a disciple?
- 2 ways through which we can grow

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV) 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Lesson 8: Living in Victory

- How can we live in Victory?
- What should I do when I fall into sin?

1 John 1:9 (NKJV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lesson 9: The High Call of God

- We are saved by grace through faith
- The Prize of the High Call
- The Way of the Cross

Philippians 3:14 (KJV) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Lesson 10: Put God FIRST

- 3 reasons Jesus is FIRST
- What does putting Jesus first look like?

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The Role of Next Steps

As the disciple starts Next Steps Part 2, they are strongly connected to God and they are growing in God. The goal is for the disciple to grow to be more independent in their walk with God. This is how we build a StronG Church!

- **Next Steps Part 1** brought the disciple to a place where they have a relationship with God. They were a “baby” christian learning how to walk.
- **Next Steps Part 2** is where we want them to become StronG disciples. They will be making decisions to grow in their walk with God.

They will progress from being a believer of Jesus to being a disciple of Jesus.

Next Steps Part 1 will build you a good church.

Next Steps Part 2 will build you a StronG church!

We want StronG Christians who are on fire for Jesus!

Next Steps - Guiding the disciple to their Point B

Next Steps will be a time of godly challenge. That is why it is so important to prayerfully conduct these lessons. Here are some wisdoms to keep in mind:

a) Give them a Next STEP - not a next leap!

Plan for the disciple's point B. It should be out of reach but not out of sight.

e.g. If they want to grow in their prayer life - don't put them through an 8 hour prayer session. Lead them to the next step - having consistent time with God.

b) Inspire, don't Pressure

In many lessons, there will be moments where you can challenge the disciple to grow in their character. The key is to inspire, not pressure.

One of the best ways to inspire is through personal testimony.

As leaders, we must live out what we preach!

Even as we challenge them in the next lessons in various areas - to be connected to a Connect Group, be open to discipleship, put God First - these must be reflected in our own lives.

Let the weight of our convictions come through and inspire them!

This is why the discipleship relationship is so important.

“The relationship is the bridge where discipleship walks across.” - Pastor How

It is only with this foundation that you know where the disciple is at, their background, their journey with God. The discipleship relationship has also been built, and will make your Next Steps lessons effective.

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