



# Growth Track

PARTICIPANT'S

GUIDE

*step***ONE**  
Know God

# The Big Picture

**Growth Track** is your welcome and door of opportunity for potential involvement in our church family. After successfully completing *Growth Track*, you will have the option to continue with “on-the-job” **DifferenceMakers** training which prepares you to serve in whichever areas you might choose on our **Dream Team**.



**NOTE:** If you are unable to attend any **Growth Track** sessions, you may participate in missed sessions—or take this entire course—online by video. Obtain **The Believers Church App** [📲] from your App Store. **To download written materials\*** for this course from inside the App, select “Media” on the home page, then choose *Believers Growth Track* logo.

All scriptures are from the *New International Version* unless otherwise noted. Definitions [in brackets] are from *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance Greek Dictionary*. Key words and phrases, added for emphasis, are in **bold text**.

*\*PDF Downloads throughout this course are designated using purple lettering.*

# Introduction



## BELIEVERS CHURCH GROWTH TRACK

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**WELCOME!** This course encourages you to discover God's purpose and live the life He has designed for you. **There are FOUR STEPS** that:

1. prepare you to follow Jesus,
2. connect you with other believers,
3. help you discover your God-given gifts, and
4. use your gifts to joyfully serve the Lord and His people.

### *step***ONE—Know God**

Understand the beginning of your amazing spiritual journey prepared by God—and how to share the Good News of salvation with others.

**Step One: happens on the first Sunday of each month.**

### *step***TWO—Find Fellowship**

Explore how to connect with others in—and out—of the church through exciting opportunities to develop lasting meaningful relationships.

**Step Two: happens on the second Sunday of each month.**

### *step***THREE—Discover Purpose**

Become aware of your spiritual gifts, personality and purpose in life, and see how they give you direction regarding your best fit in ministry.

**Step Three: happens on the third Sunday of each month.**

### *step***FOUR—Make a Difference**

Become aware of opportunities to live out your purpose and serve others using your gifts at The Believers Church *and* in the unchurched world. Meet our leaders regarding the possibilities of serving in the ministry areas of your choice.

**Step Four: happens on the fourth Sunday of each month.**

# OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

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We want you to enjoy your new...or existing...relationship with God in Christ —AND experience all the Lord Has promised you in Scripture as you move forward on your spiritual journey. Our prayer is Paul the Apostle’s prayer:

*“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so **that you may know him better**. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order **that you may know the hope to which he has called you**, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.”*

[Ephesians 1:17-19](#)

*“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and **to know this love** that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

[Ephesians 3:16-19](#)

## stepONE

# THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR OUR FOUR STEPS:

## 1. Know God

*“Now this is eternal life: that **they may know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

John 17:3

*“We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. **This is how we know we are in him...**”*

1 John 2:3-5

## 2. Find Fellowship

*“**They devoted themselves** to the apostles’ teaching and **to fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

Acts 2:42

*“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, **so that you also may have fellowship with us**. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”*

1 John 1:3

### 3. Discover Purpose

***“...For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”***

Philippians 2:13

***“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. **We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.**”***

Romans 12:4-6

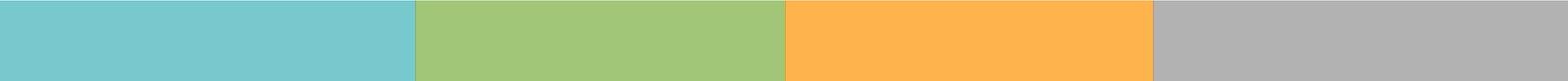
### 4. Make A Difference

***“God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”***

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

***“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”***

John 15:8, 11



**Let’s consider some basic conversion experiences** found in the Bible regarding getting to “Know God,” including: **Believing, Water Baptism** and **Spirit Baptism**.

**(NOTE:** If you are an experienced believer, please consider the following scriptures helpful in sharing Christ with potential disciples.)

# GETTING TO KNOW GOD

## Believing

Our **sins** [offenses, from a word meaning: missing the mark and losing the prize], make us afraid of God as we try to live our lives outside of His Word and will. However, there is good news through believing in Christ...

***“If we confess [acknowledge] our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us [let go/omit] our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”***

1 John 1:9

God is waiting for us to \_\_\_\_\_ [think differently/reconsider] and \_\_\_\_\_ what His Word says about our sins that required His Son, Jesus, to die in our place. Consider the following four scripture passages, known as “*The Roman Road*.”

*“...For all have sinned and come short of the **glory** [dignity/honor] of God...”*

Romans 3:23

*“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

Romans 6:23

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Romans 5:8

*“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”*

Romans 10:9-10

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative because we could not save ourselves!

*“God is on one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind.”*

1 Timothy 2:5 TLB

## stepONE

Jesus waits for each of us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him—and what He has done for us.

*“Yet to all who did **receive** him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”*

*John 1:12-13*

Simply accept God’s free gift of salvation! Don’t try to earn it by doing good deeds or keeping religious rules. **Believe!\***

*“For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ [the divine influence upon the heart and it’s reflection in the life] you are saved, through \_\_\_\_\_ [persuasion/moral conviction of the truthfulness of God]—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9*

Our relationship with God is not established on what we do for Him, but on the basis of what Jesus has done for us! **Are you ready to put your faith in Him?**

### “Know God” Prayer:

“Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me—even when I’ve ignored You and gone my own way. Thank You for dying on the cross, being buried, and rising from the dead—for me. I realize I need You in my life. I’m sorry for my sins and ask You to forgive me...knowing You will. Please come into my life. I receive You, *and* accept Your free gift of salvation! I know You will make me a totally new person. I trust You to help me grow...in faithfulness and fruitfulness. As much as I know how, I will follow You from now on. By Your grace, I will love and serve You—all the days of my life.”

Jesus said: *“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”* And, *“...Everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life... Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”*

*John 5:24 and 6:40;47 NASB*

## Be Water-Baptized!

One of the first things we do, to obey the Lord as believers, is to be **water-baptized\*** [immersed, submerged], just as He was (Matthew 3:16). Water baptism was commanded by Jesus, proclaimed by His Apostles, and experienced by all new Christians in the Early Church. It demonstrates your changed life, declaring your public commitment to the Lord.

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them in the name** [singular] of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*

Matthew 28:19

*“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you **be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.’ ...and... Those who accepted his message were baptized.”*

Acts 2:38-41

## Be Spirit-Baptized!

- Receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Enjoy God’s powerful supernatural presence.

*“...Wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days **you will be baptized with the \_\_\_\_\_** ...you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit\*** comes on you...”*

Acts 1:4-5, 8

\*Download **Water Baptism & Holy Spirit** PDFs from: *The Believers Church App*.

# NextSteps

## Know God

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### 1. Say, “Yes!” Believe in, and receive, Jesus.

You can use the *Know God Prayer* on page 8 as a guide.

### 2. Declare your relationship with Jesus publicly.

Water baptism is the example Jesus set. We follow His example—and command—to boldly share our new life in Him. Sign up to be baptized on the 2nd Sunday of each month, or request it anytime. AND...ask God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit!

### 3. Complete all four steps of *Growth Track*.

Step One - **Know God** | 1st Sundays.

Step Two - **Find Fellowship** | 2nd Sundays.

Step Three - **Discover Purpose** | 3rd Sundays.

Step Four - **Make a Difference** | 4th Sundays.

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*Believing, Water Baptism, Holy Spirit*