

Preparing for the Journey

Week 2

Scripture:

Various

Motivation (Why You Need to Know It):

Last week we discussed the overview of preparing for the journey.

Three Parts of Any Journey...

▪ The Starting Point (Where are you?)

As you may know, our mission at The Summit is *leading people from where they are to where God wants them to be*. Where you are now is your starting point!

▪ The Path (What's out there?)

We want to move you from *hearing about God* to *experiencing God* (you can't sit at the trail entrance and not get on the path).

▪ Ending Point (Should I keep it to myself? How COULD I keep this to myself?)

Once you've experienced this journey, the natural response should be – I want others to experience this journey.

Today we are going to get into the details of the journey.

In other words, what steps will we be taking together as we walk this path?

To keep this simple, we are using the word **PATH** to help you remember what's available/expected from you and your family over the next year.

Prayer

Attendance

Tools

Hear and Do

Information (What You Need to Know):

Four Steps for Taking the Journey...

Step 1: Prayer

For the next year (on Sunday mornings), we will speak a prayer together before the message. These words will remind us of why we are walking this journey together. Let's practice this prayer together.

Dear Lord,

As a people, we are on this journey together.

You chose to make known Your nature and character,

Your plan for the world,

Your purpose of redemption through Christ,

...and all other spiritual matters through the Word of God.

Therefore, we will be committed to knowing You through the Word of God.

We will hear the truth.

We will believe the truth.

We will apply the truth.

We will speak the truth.

Throughout this journey, help us to discover...

The joy of living in a relationship with You,

The great love You have for us,

...and the passion You have for all the world to know the truth.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Step 2: Attendance

Hebrews 10:23 (NLT) Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. **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.

Why meet together as a church?

- Gathering keeps us from wavering from the truth (v.23)
- Gathering keeps us motivated in love and good works (v.24)
- Gathering allows us to encourage each other (v.25a)
- Gathering keeps us focused on the present and eternal (v.25b)

Step 3: Tools

- Website and App (rewatch sermons, access to notes, additional resources)
- Reading Plan (fills in the “gaps” of the story)
 - ✓ The Bible Project
 - ✓ Bible Recap (podcast or book)
 - ✓ Action Bible
- Weekly Emails and Videos
- Bible Minor Class – Old Testament: First Five Books (gives a greater understanding of the foundational teachings of the Bible)

Step 4: Hear and Do

James 1:22 (ESV) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. **24** For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **25** But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.