

What's Next? Take the Next Step

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:13 NKJV

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 NKJV

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 ... Ephesians 1:17-18 NIV

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven ... Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.' ..." Matthew 7:21, 23 NIV

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. ... James 5:16 NIV

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. ... Romans 12:6 NIV

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:8 NIV

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you ..." John 15:11 NIV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever tried to keep a plant alive? What steps did you take, and how did it go?
- Think about a time when you felt stuck in a rut. What made you feel that way?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Psalm 92:13. In order to flourish, people need to be in the right environment. What things in your environment are helping you grow, and what things might need to change?
- Pastor Chris said, "If you're breathing, you have a next step to take." What is a next step you might need to take? What makes you choose that one?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- The next four steps God wants for all of us are: know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference. Of those four steps, which one do you need to pursue?
- It's almost impossible to grow when you don't have the right people around you. How can you start relying on others more? How can you start helping others grow?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for never leaving us stuck in a rut. Thank You for encouraging us to continue moving and growing. Show us the next steps all of us can take and help us encourage others to take their next steps as well. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- It's time for you to get moving! Consider the four steps God wants all of us to take and commit to pursuing one of those steps this week.
- If you're in need of support, give the people around you a chance to help you.
- If you know others in need of support, be there for them, and think of specific ways you can show them your support this week.