



A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

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Welcome

Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of faith. It is not about a check list or a list of rules that one must follow or do to gain approval but about having a personal relationship with Jesus. As we follow Him, it is an ongoing process of transformation as we are made more in the image and likeness of Jesus.

“A disciple is a person-in-process who is eager to learn and apply the truths that Jesus Christ teaches him, which will result in ever-deepening commitments to a Christ-like lifestyle.” – Chris Adsit

The Disciple’s Journey is an opportunity to take ongoing steps in your relationship with Jesus as you follow Him. These steps serve as spiritual markers along a Christian’s faith journey that help one to accurately see the work that Christ is doing in their lives. These spiritual markers serve as guardrails that aid a Christ follower as they set their eyes upon Jesus. It is our hope and prayer that this ten-session guide will encourage you and equip you for the lifelong joy of being a Christ follower.

We have created teaching videos where Pastor Jeff talks in greater detail about each step and why it is important in the life of the Christ follower. These videos can be accessed through the Riverlawn app or online at riverlawn.org/studies (and clicking The Disciple’s Journey tab). This booklet is meant to serve as an accompaniment to those videos. Each

session is a step in the journey. Each step has an overview of the spiritual marker that we will be looking at, Scripture to dive deeper and study, and reflection questions to consider as you are taking your next steps.

One last thing. Journeys are better when we go with others. We have created this series with the intention that you will go through it with another person or a small group of people. While that is the hope and aim, the book is laid out in such a way that an individual can do it on their own. As you continue on The Disciple's Journey, we're cheering you on. Keep running the race that has been set before you, keep following after Jesus, keep pursuing growth in His image and likeness.



Step 1

**Receive Jesus
As Personal
Lord & Savior**

Romans 6:23

When it comes to a relationship with Christ, there are two clear distinctions that Scripture makes – dead or alive! A person is either dead in sin or alive in Christ. The Bible defines sin as missing the mark of God's perfect standard. Sin demands payment.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23

The first step in the Disciple's Journey is to receive God's amazing gift of grace by receiving Jesus as personal Lord and Savior. Apart from this decision, one is dead in sin, separated from God, and headed for hell. BUT the gift of God is that He has given us Jesus that we might be reconciled to Him. In being reconciled to God, we are alive in Christ! To be alive in Christ means that one has received Christ as their Savior for the forgiveness of sin, having been saved by grace through faith. They have become a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17), a disciple of Jesus, and live their life with Him in charge. It means to Believe, Repent, Confess, and Follow.



