

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.



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Reflect

I. What is sin?

2. How is salvation described in Romans6:23? How is one able to be saved?

3. Have you received Jesus as personal Lord and Savior? If not, why not? If so, who have you told about this incredible decision?
4. If you want to talk more with someone about this incredible gift, text FOLLOW to 316-444-4338. You can also visit https:// nowwhat.love for more resources.

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Reflect

- 1. How is someone made a new creation?
- 2. What does it mean to be reconciled to God?
- 3. What is the gospel message that has been committed to us? What are we to do with it?

