



**Reminders**

- TOMORROW—Hayride
- November 11—CBF Thanksgiving Dinner

**Series Review**

1. My Foundation - Salvation - Once we have accepted God’s gift of forgiveness for our sin and have a relationship with Him, we come to the starting point in following Jesus’ example.
2. My Decision - Counting the Cost – What am I making more important than following Christ? (Luke 14:27-33)
3. My Identity - I am specifically and intentionally made and loved by God. (Psalm 139: 14-16 Romans 8:38-39)
  - Are you part of God’s family? (Romans 8:15 )
4. My Mindset - The correct mindset: to renew your mind in God’s Word, then humbly accept and do what it says. “I have not arrived; I need to understand more of how I should live in order to be more like Jesus.” (Philippians 2:5-11, James 1:22,2 Corinthians 5:14)
5. My Directions
  - Study the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15)
  - Know the Bible (1Peter 3:15)
  - Obey the Bible (John 8:31)
6. My Characteristics (John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:13, Matthew 22:36-39)
  - Genuine love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

**Why Follow?**

1. If we don’t have the foundation of salvation, there is no purpose in following Christ.
  - \* Someone can try to follow, but will only fail in their attempt (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - \* Following Christ is only possible when we accept God’s gift of forgiveness for our sin. (John 15.5)
2. If we have accepted God’s gift of forgiveness of sin and have a relationship with Him (salvation)...
  - \* We realize His love for us (2 Corinthians 5:14)
  - \* We are no longer enemies with God, but are now part of His family (Romans 5:10, 8:15)
  - \* We know that we have peace no matter how hard life gets (John 16:33)
  - \* We know we have eternal life with Him (John 3:16, 14:2-3)
  - \* He gives direction through His Word (the Bible) (Psalm 25:4-5, 119:105)

When we understand and experience the love, belonging, peace, hope, and direction that we have as a follower of Christ, we should want to share it with anyone we can!

**Final Challenge:**

Foundation of Salvation: a relationship with God	
If Yes...	If you are not sure...
*Where are your priorities? *Are you immersing yourself in God’s Word? Are you doing what it says? *Does your life exhibit the same genuine love God has for you? *Are you sharing this incredible relationship with others?	*Do you understand the genuine love God has for you?  Acknowledge that I have fallen short of God’s perfect standard for life (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23a)  Believe that God made a way for forgiveness for our failure and to have a relationship with Him (Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23b, Romans 10:9-10)  Call on Jesus to accept His gift of forgiveness and peace (Romans 10:13)