

STEP ONE: BELIEVE

What you believe about Jesus is the most important thing you will ever believe.

1. Who is Jesus?

Matthew 16:13–17 – When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you.”

- Jesus is God in flesh.
- Jesus is the Messiah.

2. What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 – Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

- It is initiated by Christ.
(John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4)
- It is Jesus in my place.
(2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 4:9–10; Isaiah 53:4–6)
- It is do versus done.
(Titus 3:5)
- It is the way we grow in Christ.
(Colossians 2:6–7)

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3. What is baptism (and when should I do it)?

Romans 6:2–4 – Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

- It is not salvation, rather the first step of salvation.
- It is a public declaration of belonging to Jesus.
- It is a personal commitment to living a new life.

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for text updates.
2. **DRC Prayer Ministry:** Nothing of eternal significance happens apart from prayer. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, join us on Sundays at 8:45 am or 10:30 am in the conference room.
3. **Life Groups Highlight:** This week we are highlighting our Life Groups that meet on Wednesdays: Our Couples meet at 6:00 pm in DRC room 2, our Moms meet at 6:00 pm in the DRC Kids area, our Mighty Men meet at 6:00 pm in DRC room 1, and our 20s meet at 6:30 pm in the DRC conference room. We are better together. Use the QR code to find all the details and connect to a group today.
4. **Sharing Jesus Without Fear:** Join us this Friday, September 11, at 6:30 pm as we discover how to talk with others about Jesus. The most important thing we could ever do may also be the hardest. Childcare is available. Use the QR code to sign up.
5. **September Service Project:** This month we will be collecting supplies to help House of Hope meet the needs of our community. Use the QR code for a list of needed items. Thank you for your help.
6. **Community Fall Festival:** Sign up today to help us love our community on Friday, October 2, 5:00–8:00 pm: inflatables, games, crafts, food stations, and so much more. This is a free event. Use the QR code to volunteer.

