

STEP TWO: FOLLOW

Luke 9:23–24 – Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”

Disciple: one who follows in the path of another and helps others do the same.

Becoming a disciple:

Matthew 22:36–40 – “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

1. Love God with all your heart.

Ezekiel 36:26 – And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

- Begin each day in God’s Word.

Psalms 119:147 – I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words.

- Live a life of worship.

Colossians 3:17 – And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

- Talk (and listen) to God through prayer.

Psalms 5:3 – Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

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2. Love people as God loves you.

John 13:34–35 – So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

- Connect with a community of followers.

Hebrews 10:24–25 – Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- Serve one another humbly.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV) – You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

- Share God’s story with everyone.

Mark 16:15 – And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for text updates.
2. **DRC Prayer Ministry:** 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. **DRC 201:** For those who have attended DRC 101, this is the next step. DRC 201 introduces you to all the ministries and leadership of DRC and how you can get involved. If you are ready to get connected, use the QR code to sign up today for DRC 201: September 27 at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be provided, and childcare is available.
4. **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.

