

PATHWAYS to Spiritual Growth

under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

	BELIEVING IN CHRIST	GROWING IN CHRIST	CLOSE TO CHRIST	CHRIST-CENTERED
How am I Doing with my Membership Vows?	First steps toward spiritual growth for believers who desire to learn more about the Christian faith, the world and the Church.	Believer growing in Christ primarily through large group experiences while developing a heart for the needs of others.	Mature believer who desires a deeper level of shared life with others while also seeking ways to unselfishly serve.	Christ-centered believer who consistently surrenders to God's will, reproduces the Christian faith in the life of others and lives a life of service.
Prayers & Personal Devotional Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When I pray, I focus on my needs. I seek to grow closer to God through prayer. I ask God for things or circumstances that I desire. I seldom read the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I acknowledge my sin and have received God's forgiveness. I thank God for who He is and what He is doing in my life. I pray occasionally to seek God's direction for my life. I pray occasionally for other people. I read the Bible occasionally to know God, the truth, and find direction for my life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I pray regularly with others. I pray regularly for the church, the city, the poor and the persecuted. I engage in spiritual disciplines like fasting, journaling, solitude, Sabbath, scripture memorization, etc. I experience times of solitude to listen to God's direction I connect with God in a powerful way through prayer, solitude and/or Scripture. I am disciplined in my spiritual practices. I regularly read the Bible to apply God's teachings to my life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I pray daily with others. I pray daily for the church, the city, the poor and the persecuted. I pray for people I do not know. I view prayer as a constant conversation with God, as opposed to a specific time. I experience an ongoing dialogue with God throughout my day. I read the Bible daily to deepen my relationship with God.
Presence through Worship & Growth Groups* <small>*Growth Groups include Sunday School classes, Disciple Bible studies, Wednesday Night Live classes, men's and women's studies, etc.</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending worship is not a high priority. I'm starting to see the value of joining a Growth Group. I have visited a Growth Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending worship is a higher priority than it used to be (two out of four weeks) I occasionally attend a Growth Group (two out of four weeks). I believe I cannot grow as a Christian unless I am an active member of a local church. I believe I cannot grow as a Christian unless I am an active member of a Growth Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending worship is a high priority (three out of four Sundays). I expect to enter the presence of God when I worship. I allow other Christians to hold me accountable for my actions. I regularly (three out of four weeks) attend a Growth Group. I practice my faith every day of the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending worship is my top priority therefore I attend every Sunday I am physically able. My worship is not compromised by secular mind sets. I worship to glorify God, no matter what the music style, atmosphere or sermon topic may be. My Growth Group is an essential part of my weekly life. I am looking for ways to intentionally disciple others.
Gifts through Tithes & Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I give as I am able. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am moving toward giving 10% of my income to the church. I have a growing awareness of the need for God's direction in my finances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I tithe 10% of my income to the church. I recognize that God owns everything. In addition to tithing 10%, I try to manage the other 90% according to God's principles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I sacrificially give beyond the tithe. I believe a Christian should live a sacrificial life that is not driven by pursuit of material things. My first priority in spending money is to support God's work. Generosity is a way of life for me.
Service to the Church and Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I participate in acts of Christian service when I can. I serve others when it's convenient. I am interested in taking the spiritual gifts assessment to learn how to serve others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have found/would like to find a place where I can use my spiritual gifts in the church or community. I participate occasionally in a service project in the church or the community. I know and occasionally use my spiritual gifts to fulfill God's purposes. I'm interested in participating in a short-term local or international mission trip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel equipped to lead a Growth Group or a ministry team at the church. I believe God calls me to be involved in the lives of the poor and suffering. I regularly serve in ministry using my spiritual gifts. I've participated in a short-term local or international mission trip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel empowered to go out on my own to meet the needs of others. I feel fully equipped to reproduce my Christian faith by practicing one-on-one discipleship with adults, children or students. Due to my love for all people, service is a way of life. I work closely with a mission organization after my local/international mission experience.
Witness -- Sharing God's Love with the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I believe I am a sinner separated from God aside from grace. I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe people who deliberately reject Jesus Christ as Savior will not be granted eternal life. I believe that Christ suffered and died for my sins. I have responded to God's gift of grace, forgiveness and eternal life. I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can share my testimony. I occasionally invite non-Christians to church, a Growth Group or other church events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I feel fully equipped to share my faith with non-Christians. I am comfortable sharing my faith in every aspect of my life. My behavior and actions reflect my faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have led people to Christ. I am walking with another person as he or she is learning more about grace on his or her spiritual journey.