

# GO, FOLLOW JESUS

A STARTING PLACE FOR GETTING  
TO KNOW JESUS BETTER



A DISCIPLESHIP TOOL AND GUIDE



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# The Invitation

## **Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT)**

*“One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him. A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. “*

One of the very first things Jesus did in His ministry on earth was invite people to come follow Him. That meant acknowledging the sin in their life, repenting of it, and beginning to live as Jesus wanted them to. The end result would mean a transformed life and having the chance to share that life with others.

You received this guide because you have either accepted an invitation to follow Jesus or are seriously considering an invitation to follow Him. This guide is meant to help you understand what it means to follow Him and also to empower you to go and invite others to follow Him.

This guide contains key foundational teachings of Scripture and what you need to know as you begin to follow Jesus. He has done (and is doing) some amazing things and we want you to be well aware of what those things are. So, take your time going through each section. It is ok to go slow. As you finish each section be sure to meet with the person who gave this to you (your discipleship partner) and go over it together. Ask your questions and listen to their experience. God did not intend for us to go through life alone, so let them join you in your journey with Christ.

Once you have gone through this guide it is your turn to use it. Find someone who has not accepted an invitation to follow Jesus and invite them. That does not have to be a complicated process. It starts with a simple question; “Do you want to follow Jesus?” When they say yes or express an interest, give them a copy of this guide and begin to meet with them. Together, you can grow in Christ and celebrate His goodness!

May God richly bless you as you begin to follow Him and as you invite others to do the same.

Your Discipleship Partner is \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# Salvation

## **John 3:16-17 (NLT)**

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”*

*God loves you.* Take a minute to think about that. The creator of the universe loves you, deeply. God loves you so much that He wants to be in a relationship with you. But, sin has gotten in the way of that. So, in order to be in a relationship with God we have to first be saved from sin.

Sin comes in two forms: original and personal. Original sin is something we inherit. It entered the world when Adam and Eve decided to disobey God (Genesis 3), now because of their decision we all are born into sin and are separated from God. Personal sin is a voluntary violation of a known law of God (1 John 3:4). In other words personal sin are those acts of disobedience to God. Original sin and personal sin separate us from God and must be dealt with before we can have a relationship with Him.

There may have been times in your life when you felt like something was missing and you couldn't put your finger on it or may have even felt like God was non-existent or some untouchable or unapproachable being. Those are normal feelings that exist because of the separation sin has caused between God and us. This is a moral separation. God is holy and we are not.

*There is nothing we can do about this separation without God's intervention.*

Salvation is the act of God that saves (rescues) us from the consequences of sin and repairs our broken relationship with Him.

## **Romans 6:23 (NLT)**

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

What is sin? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the wages (consequences) of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Romans 3:23 (NLT)**

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

Who is guilty of sin? \_\_\_\_\_

***Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)***

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

What are we saved by? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the gift from? \_\_\_\_\_

What must we have? \_\_\_\_\_

God has provided the solution to our problem in Jesus Christ. God is holy and just and therefore demands sin be paid for. In the Old Testament we see this carried out in animal sacrifices performed by the people. But, that still was not good enough to take away our sin and heal our broken relationship with God. So, in all of His grace, He sent Jesus Christ to be the perfect and complete sacrifice of sin. We no longer need to sacrifice animals; we just need to believe in and follow Jesus.

***1 John 2:2 (NLT)***

*He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.*

***Hebrews 9:26-28 (NLT)***

*If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.*

Who paid the price for our sin? \_\_\_\_\_

How did He pay for it? \_\_\_\_\_

On the cross Jesus took our place. He paid the price that we could not pay. In that moment forgiving us of our sins and healing our relationship with God the Father. Our acceptance of this gift is simple:

**Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)**

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

What must we do to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead?

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Do you declare that in your actions and with your words? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer yes to both of those then you have accepted God's gift of salvation and according to Paul, you are saved.

Repentance is also a very important part of accepting this gift. Repentance is a little more than just being sorry, it is a turning away from sin. When we come to God in repentance we are turning away from that old way of life. We are saying to God I want to be different and I am willing to live differently. When we come to God in that way we will be forgiven.

**1 John 1:9 (NLT)**

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

What does God promise to do when we repent? \_\_\_\_\_

When Jesus died on the cross, He did not stay dead. He came back to life three days later. His resurrection resulted in a new life for Him. This is huge for us, it means we can also have a new life!

**2 Corinthians 5:17(NLT)**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

Once we have repented and accepted Christ what have we become? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you repented of your sin and turned away from those things you know are not honoring to God? \_\_\_\_\_

What specific sin has God convicted you of that you have turned away from? \_

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*\*\*As you meet with your partner after this lesson be ready to share with them about your salvation. Share about your life before and after accepting Christ. How did it happen and why did you choose Christ?\*\**



# Sanctification

## **1 John 2:6 (NLT)**

*Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.*

## **Galatians 2:20 (NLT)**

*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

God wants to do more than just save us; He also wants to transform us. He wants to make us His and He wants us to be like Him. He wants to set us apart as His. We may still exist in this world, but as we follow Jesus we will become more like Him and less like the world. Salvation is really just the beginning of an even deeper and greater work that God wants to do in you. Salvation is that moment when our position before God changes and then He begins to do the work of sanctification in our hearts. Sanctification is the work of God, which transforms believers into the likeness of Christ. He wants to take our hearts and re-orient them. Before we knew God we were bent toward sin, now He wants us to be bent toward Him. Our lives after that moment of salvation should be characterized by obedience to God.

## **John 14:15**

*Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."*

What are we going to do if we love God? \_\_\_\_\_

We must strive to live for Him. We will make mistakes, but as we learned in the previous lesson, if we confess He is quick to forgive. But, the longer we live for Him, the more we learn about Him, and the more we become like Christ in our thoughts and actions.

## **Titus 2:11-14 (NLT)**

*For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.*

What is Jesus freeing us from? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is He freeing us? \_\_\_\_\_

This purification and redeeming (freeing) work is done by God. This is not something you can do on your own. It is a work done deep in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

***Romans 2:29 (NLT)***

*... true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.*

Who circumcises (cleanses) our hearts? \_\_\_\_\_

***1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NLT)***

*Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.*

Who wants to sanctify us (make us holy)? \_\_\_\_\_

We will be kept without what? \_\_\_\_\_

What this sanctifying work means for us is that we can be free from the burden of sin. We can be free from the eternal consequences of it, but also from the guilt and the shame of it today. We can live a life of victory!

***Romans 6:22 (NLT)***

*But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.*

What have we been set free from? \_\_\_\_\_

Do not continue to live a life of sin. You have been set free from that, you have been changed. For many people we allow sin to define who we are. It is as if there is no way out, we are stuck. The truth is we can be saved and freed from that sin. We can be so transformed by God that living for Him becomes more natural than the sin we once found ourselves entangled in.

The first step in enjoying this kind of victory is accepting God's gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Next, we must surrender ourselves to Him.

***Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)***

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

What are we to present to God? \_\_\_\_\_

Why should we present this? \_\_\_\_\_

We must hold nothing back; asking for and allowing the Holy Spirit to fill every part of our hearts, minds, and our lives.

Have you surrendered entirely to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, what is holding you back? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a sin you don't think you will ever be able to give up? Ask for God's help and trust in the victory He has already given you.

*\*\*As you meet with your partner after this lesson be ready to talk about what God has changed in your life and what He has freed you from. Are there temptations that are not as strong? Is there an attitude that is now different? How have you experienced freedom from sin?\*\**

# The Holy Spirit

Jesus has not left us alone to live this life. When we decide to follow Him He gives us a Helper who joins us on our journey. He is known as Holy Spirit. He is responsible for so much in our lives and the more we surrender to Him the more He is able to accomplish.

He is our helper who guides us and keeps us on track. When we begin to feel guilty of our actions or attitudes it is because the Holy Spirit is bringing us under conviction. This is a good thing as He is showing us what needs to change so we can be more like Christ.

He guides, convicts, and also empowers us to be witnesses. He gives us certain gifts and abilities that help us share about Jesus.

## ***John 16:7-8, 13 (NLT)***

*But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment....When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.*

Why was it to our advantage that Jesus go away? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the Helper/Advocate do? \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Ephesians 1:13-14 (NLT)***

*And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.*

When do we receive the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

According to this passage what does He do? \_\_\_\_\_



**Acts 1:8 (NLT)**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

What do we receive from the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose do we receive it? \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12 and 13 speak of Spiritual Gifts. Take time to read these chapters.

What Spiritual gift sounds the most exciting to you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:26-27 (NLT)**

*And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.*

What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we don't know what to do ourselves (or can't do what needs to be done)? \_\_\_\_\_

He assures us of our salvation and our relationship with God. It is because of the Spirit that we just “know” we are right with God.

**Romans 8:16 (NLT)**

*For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.*

What does the Holy Spirit assure us of? \_\_\_\_\_

We know the Holy Spirit is working in our hearts when we begin to see His fruit.

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

What is the fruit of the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

These are just a few of the ways the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. We must strive to live by Him every day and let Him have control so He can do what He does best – transform our hearts and make us a new creation.

What excites you most about the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*As you meet with your partner be ready to talk about your experience with the Holy Spirit and your struggles in trying to live with Him all the time. When have you felt His guidance and His conviction? What do you find to be the best work the Holy Spirit does or is doing?\*\**

# Baptism

Baptism literally means to immerse. So, baptism in Christianity is being immersed in Christ and we practice baptism by immersing people in water once they have accepted Jesus Christ into their life. It is a step of obedience to God and a sign of our commitment to Him.

## ***Matthew 28:19 (NLT)***

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

What did Jesus tell His disciples to go and do? \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism is one of the things Jesus specifically told His disciples to go and do. So, to obey God and to carry out His mission we also participate in baptism.

Water baptism is more than just getting wet. It is symbolic of our new life in Christ and is our public confession of what God has begun to do in our life. It is also a sign of our being included in the family of God and our desire to continue to live in that relationship.

## ***Romans 6:1-11 (NLT)***

*Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! 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. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.*

What did the death of Christ do for us? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the resurrection of Christ do for us? \_\_\_\_\_

When we go under the water, what is being represented? \_\_\_\_\_

When we come up out of the water, what is being represented? \_\_\_\_\_

What have we been set free from? \_\_\_\_\_

When we accept God's gift of salvation in Christ we are uniting ourselves with Him. Baptism represents that union. When we go under the water we are saying we have died with Christ (our old, sinful self is dead) and when we come up out of the water we are saying we are united with Christ in His resurrection, in His new life. So, we have a new life to live in Christ, one free from the burden of sin.

It is important to understand it is not the act of baptism, or the water we are immersed in, that saves us. The baptism is just a symbol of what really has saved us: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

***1 Peter 3:20-21 (NLT)***

*Those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Have you been baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

What does baptism mean in the life of a follower of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*When you meet with your partner be ready to share with them about your baptism. What was it like and what did it mean? Did you feel different afterwards? If this person has not been baptized, encourage them to talk to the pastor and get baptized soon.\*\**



# The Bible and Prayer

A key part of any relationship is communication and that is true for our relationship with God as well. If we do not communicate with God on a regular basis then our relationship is going to suffer. Remember, communication is two way. We need to talk to Him and we also need to take time to listen to Him.

One of the clearest ways God communicates with us is through the Bible. The Bible is a record of God's interaction with humankind in history. It consists of 66 different books that have all been inspired by God. The Bible is His letter to us, to reveal Himself and His plan. It is there we will find the absolute standards for life.

## **Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)**

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

The Bible is what? \_\_\_\_\_

What is it capable of? \_\_\_\_\_

## **2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*

Who inspired the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Bible useful for? \_\_\_\_\_

## **James 1:22 (NLT)**

*But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*

What should we do with what we read and learn in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Romans 10:17**

*So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.*

Where do we get our faith? \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is full of information and can quickly become overwhelming. Perhaps the best place to start in your Bible reading is the book of John (the fourth book in the New Testament). When reading try practicing SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer). Take time to read a chapter or two, carefully observe what is happening in the text (who are the characters, what are they doing, what are they saying, etc...), ask yourself how you will live out the principles you discovered, and pray about it.

Prayer is when we take time to talk with God. We share our hurts, our joys, our wants, our needs, and anything else that is on our mind. It does not have to be fancy or long, just heartfelt and genuine.

Often, when it comes to prayer, we do not know where to start. Jesus helps us with that and gives us some basic instruction on prayer. He first reminds us that prayer is not meant to be something we do to impress others, it is meant to be a conversation between God and us. We may pray out loud in different settings, but even then this is not supposed to be something done for show or to impress others. Our prayers should be done in humility and awe of our awesome Creator.

***Matthew 6:5-6 (NLT)***

*“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.”*

Who is our prayer meant for? \_\_\_\_\_

***Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)***

*“Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”*

What kind of things should we pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who do we pray to? \_\_\_\_\_

We can take anything we want to Him in prayer. He will answer our prayers when they are according to His will. In other words we need to keep our prayers in line

with His Word. Another reason it is important to read the Bible is so we know how to pray and what to pray for.

**1 John 5:14-15 (NLT)**

*And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.*

We should pray for things that what? \_\_\_\_\_

**John 14:13-14 (NLT)**

*You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!*

In whose name do we pray? \_\_\_\_\_

When we come to God in prayer we are coming to Him through Christ. Remember, it is in Jesus that we have a relationship with God and access to Him. So, praying in Jesus' name means we are coming to God through Jesus.

Have you started to read and pray daily? It helps to set the same time each day so it becomes a habit.

Are you involved in a discipleship group?

*\*\*When you meet with your partner be sure to encourage them to get into a discipleship group. These are the best places to develop our Bible reading and prayer habits. Share your experiences in both. Bring suggestions on a good devotional or what has worked best for you for prayer and Bible reading.\*\**

# The Church

As a follower of Christ you have become a part of the Body of Christ – the Church. The Church is made up of every follower of Jesus all over the world. You are now part of something that is much bigger than you can imagine.

## **1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NLT)**

*The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.*

How many bodies are there? \_\_\_\_\_

The body is made to drink of (united in) who? \_\_\_\_\_

As part of that body we all have a role to play. You have a purpose in this divine plan!

## **Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)**

*Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

What is the purpose of each of these gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

We also exist in the local body. It is in this local body (a local church) that we gather together for worship, encouragement, prayer, fellowship, and discipleship. It is important we get connected to a local church.

## **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)**

*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.*

What should we not neglect? \_\_\_\_\_

What should we do when we gather together? \_\_\_\_\_

Church is where we learn more about God and realize we are not on this journey alone. We need each other and God has given us a great place to find what we need.



What church are you going to be a part of? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the benefits of being part of the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*When you meet with your partner tell them about your church. Invite them to come join in and be a part. If you haven't already, invite them to a service and introduce them to others.\*\**

# Telling Others

You have just received an amazing gift from God and now you get to share that gift with others. God does not want you to keep that gift all to yourself. Someone shared it with you and now you need to go share it with others. God expects you to be His witness and share with others what He is doing in your life.

Look at it this way. You have just discovered a miracle cure for every illness known to man, wouldn't you want to share that with the world? You have the solution to sin, you have the answer! Go and tell someone!

## **Matthew 28:19 (NLT)**

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Who are we supposed to tell? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mark 5:18-19 (NLT)**

*As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been."*

What kind of things should we go and tell? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Acts 1:8 (NLT)**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Where will our power come from to tell others? \_\_\_\_\_

You do not have to worry about going alone. The Holy Spirit goes with you and gives you the power to be His witness. We often worry about what we will say to people about God. No need to worry, the Holy Spirit is there to help guide our words.

## **John 14:26 (NLT)**

*But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.*

How will we know what to say? \_\_\_\_\_

*And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.*

The first part of telling others is to just share with them your experience. Just tell them your story.

1. Briefly describe your life before Christ. What did it look like?
2. Explain how and why you came to the point of submitting your life to Christ.
3. Describe your life since coming to Christ. What is different and how has it changed?

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Who is the first person you are going to tell or have told about your new found faith?

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Who else needs to know and when will you tell them? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*When meeting with your partner about telling others take this guide with you and give them a fresh copy, one they can give away. Tell them about your experiences in sharing with others and maybe even about who first shared Christ with you. Pray for them as they set out to tell someone else about Jesus.\*\**

# Some Next Steps

Congratulations! You are on your way to having a healthy and growing relationship with Jesus Christ! That relationship will lead to a transformative and abundant life!

So, what's next?

\*Get connected to the local church. Portland Central's services start on Sunday at 10:45 (Sunday School at 9:30). It is important to join in with the rest of the body each week so we stay accountable and don't find ourselves drifting away from God.

\*Sign-up for the next Spiritual Formation Class. You can do this at [www.portlandcentralnaz.org](http://www.portlandcentralnaz.org), filling out a connection card, or calling the church office. In this class you will get a basic understanding of the Bible and how to use it to grow Spiritually.

\*Find a discipleship group that works for you. Central has several to choose from. Look online or in the bulletin for the most up to date schedule.

\*Stay in touch with your discipleship partner and continue to work together in your growth in Christ.

\*Get another copy of this guide and share it with a friend or family member. There really is no need to wait to start discipling someone yourself. You do have some great news to share! Copies are available at the church and online.

*\*\*When you meet with your partner make sure to follow-up with this list in mind. Make a commitment to each other about what you are going to do next and hold each other accountable to that.\*\**



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