



# Key Resources for Taking the Next Step



## Overview

Following Jesus (“discipleship”) is about a journey not a destination. It involves seeking and obeying Him daily. As you grow in your new life in Jesus there will be times where you have different questions, concerns or needs – and God has designed the Church (people who follow Jesus) to help one another. The years ahead are full of “next steps,” as you grow in spiritual maturity. There’s not a “one size fits all” when it comes to your journey with Jesus – the key is to keep your eyes on Him, and to constantly seek more of Him while obeying Him. Here are some resources and tips for you along the way...

## Need / Issue

*The Christian life is so different than before. I changed but the world around me didn't. I mean to keep seeking Christ, but I get bogged down so easily.*

*Questions. I've got lots of questions that I want answers to but am not sure what to do with them..?*

## Places to Go...

**Community** – we’re not called to live this life alone. God created and intends for us to live in relationships with other Christ-followers. Are you in a Life Group? If not, contact Grace Point and ask for information about visiting a life group, where smaller groups of people live life together. This is a huge part of living the Christian life – not alone!

**Online Tools** – places like [www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org), [www.Bible.com](http://www.Bible.com), [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com), sermon podcasts and others are extremely valuable.

**Classes** – Grace Point offers courses periodically meant to help you in your quest of next steps. Foundations is a 13 week course on the Book of Mark and fundamentals of Christianity. Other courses cover things like “How to Study the Bible,” “Overview of the Whole Bible,” and other core areas. Contact Grace Point to find out when the next one is offered!

**Books** – there are a ton of excellent books to get you started. Just a few to mention would include:

- *A Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- *Soul Revolution* by John Burke
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *Basic Christianity* by John Stott
- *The Knowledge of the Holy* by A. W. Tozer
- *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren



**Personal Study** – the key to growing and learning is getting to the place where you are consistently studying God’s Word yourself and finding answers. Many of the online tools have reading plans and tips on getting the most out of your time with the Bible. Experiment! Make your questions known to God and dive in – you’ll be surprised.

*Okay, I exchanged my life for the life of Jesus...what are some things I should do right away?*

**Baptism** – it’s something you should do right away. The Bible says it’s an obedient step we take proclaiming our new life in Christ. It’s not something to be postponed, it’s something to be done as soon as possible.

**Base Camp & Discovery** – check out these 2 experiences at Grace Point that will celebrate your new story in Jesus, discuss how to fully participate in the community of other Christ-followers and even help you find out the ways in which God has gifted/shaped you to serve others!

**Join a Life Group!**

**Find an accountability partner (Silas), mentor (Paul), and keep pursuing 360 degree relationships!**

*I’ve found some great resources that help me!*

**Personal Notes:**

