

WEEK FIVE: DISCIPLESHIP PATH

What is the next step in your relationship with God? The Bible gives many specific details about walking with God by faith. Jesus is clear that you must be born again, and this happens when you put your trust in Jesus (John 3:16). It is the most important decision of your life. Have you decided to follow Jesus? There is a difference between beginning the Christian life and growing. Moving forward with the Lord and maturing includes: water baptism, committing to a local church, joining a group of people who are following Jesus together, serving, sharing your faith, and leading people in their next steps with God. Are these elements you desire and are actively doing? These aspects are not comprehensive or always sequential, but they provide a framework and some markers of spiritual health.

● OPENING QUESTION

How was your time of prayer, surrender, and listening to God from last week's application?

● READ

Acts 16:16-36

This intense passage includes steadfast faith, injustice, rejoicing in trials, a miraculous rescue, a near suicide, salvation, witnessing, family transformation, baptism, and spiritual growth. Can you relate to Paul, Silas, the jailer, or the jailer's family? What is your testimony and how is Jesus the hero of your spiritual journey?

● REFLECT

Acts 16:16-36

WHO IS GOD?

WHAT HAS GOD DONE?

WHO ARE WE?

HOW DO WE LIVE?

● REPENT

Have you been complacent and stuck in a rut? Have you been consumed with the details of life instead of having Jesus as your first love? What would it take for you to grow more like Jesus and help others to do the same? If we are not growing, we are usually going backwards and wandering more than we realize. With God's help, determine to say 'yes' to renewal and glorifying the Lord in new ways.

● RESPOND

MIND: Why does Jesus choose to call sinners? (Matthew 9:9-13)

HEART: When have you been inspired by someone else pursuing and serving God? (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

HANDS: Write down how you want to grow in your faith then share it with someone this week. (2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

● PRAYER

Worship and seek God as you look to Him for personal direction. (Acts 13:1-3)