



NEXT STEPS: *Taking a Next Step in Spiritual Growth*

LOVE GOD: *How can you take your next step in corporate and personal worship?*

- Attend a corporate worship experience **weekly**.
- Set aside a specific time and location for a regular quiet time. (If you have never done this before start with 15 – 20 minutes a day.)
- Establish a practice of worship preparation through prayer and confession.
- Have you been baptized? If not, consider it. You can sign up at westridge.com/baptism
- Make a list of things that hinder your spiritual growth and seek God's help to remove hindrances.
- How can you take your next step in generosity?

GROW IN FAITH: *How can you take your next step in God's word, prayer, and community?*

How can you take your next step in God's Word?

- Memorize one scripture verse a week.
- Memorize passages of scripture
- Take notes from the pastors' sermon and other Bible study experiences each week. Evaluate how the study applies to your life. The SOAP Journal is a great tool for taking notes.
- Establish a regular time for personal Bible Study.
- Use commentaries and other study resources to enrich Bible study.
- Read one chapter from the Bible each day. Discover one action required and do it.
- Read one chapter from the Bible each day. Meditate on the character of God described in the chapter.
- Participate in an ongoing small group bible study.
- Lead a small group study related to living by God's word.

How can you take your Next step in Praying in Faith?

- Participate in the prayer ministry
- Enlist a prayer partner and meet regularly for prayer.
- Journal your prayers and record God's answers.
- Organize a time of prayer with friends, family or small group.
- Lead a small group study related to praying in faith.
- Pray each day.
- Pray with your children and teach them to pray.

How can you take your next step in having Community with believers?

- Join a WRC small group.
- Lead a group at WRC.
- Ask family members to identify ways you can improve your relationships with each one.
- Ask friends to identify ways you can improve your relationships with each one.
- If people have hurt you, ask God to help you to forgive them.
- Participate in an ongoing small group to build relationships with other believers.
- Complete an individual study related to building godly relationships in your marriage.
Attend a retreat or workshop on parenting.
- Attend a retreat or workshop on marriage.

SERVE: *How can you take your next step in serving others?*

- Complete a spiritual gifts assessments and put those gifts to work by serving on a team at WRC.
- Find ways to serve others – examples are prison ministry, special needs ministry, take meals to the elderly, serve meals for a shelter, community projects, back to school projects
- One Time Serve opportunities – RUSH, SURGE, Hope for Christmas, Night to Shine, Christmas services, Easter services
- Local ministry partners:
 - Love Beyond Walls – LoveBeyondWalls.org
 - CAYA – CayaMinistries.com

- Warehouse of Hope - <http://warehouseofhope.squarespace.com/>
- Truth in Nature - <https://truthinnature.org/dallas/>

SHARE: *How can you take your next step in sharing Christ?*

- B.L.E.S.S. someone (Begin with Prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share)
- Write your testimony and practice sharing it with another believer.
- Think of non-believers in your life and begin praying regularly for their salvation.
- Begin making relationships with non-believers on your street, at school, at work and where you play.
- Invite an unchurched friend to worship or Bible study.
- Include a specific missions focus in your prayers. Do you know missionaries or trips you can cover in prayer?
- Participate in evangelistic missions experiences – possibly signup for a missions trip. You can find local and global missions trips here: <https://westridge.com/missions/>
- Share your testimony as God provides the opportunity.
- Attend a small group study related to witnessing to the world.

Additional Ideas

- Learn about biblical fasting
- Practice fasting as the Lord directs
- Learn about your identity in Christ
- Regularly thank God and give Him Praise in all situations