


How are you growing in your relationship with God?

Our mission at Calvary is “to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.” But what does a “growing relationship” look like? God has in mind some essential next steps he wants each of us to take. But we don’t always understand what they are or know how to get where he wants us to go.

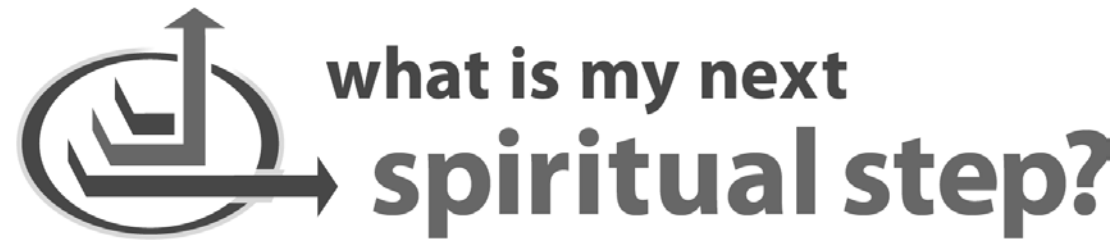
We invite you to take your next spiritual step through a variety of offerings here at Calvary. Start by looking over the suggestions you find inside this brochure representing just a few of the many ways adults can grow at Calvary. For each of the seven possible next steps—Believe, Connect, Follow, Serve, Give, Multiply, or Worship—you will find a definition and key Scripture. You will also see a suggested “first step” and other steps you can take. For specific dates and times of various offerings, refer to the brochure insert, check our web site (www.calvary.org) or call Deb (763.231.2976).

Asking, “What is my next spiritual step?” isn’t just a question for this season at Calvary. It’s a question to ask yourself for the rest of your life. We won’t take these steps all at the same time, the same pace, or even the same order, but each is a vital step God wants us to take as we experience a growing relationship with him.



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John 12:26 *“Whoever serves me must follow me. Then my servant will be with me wherever I am.” (TNIV)*

	Believe	Connect	Follow	Serve	Give	Multiply	Worship
A definition of the step	I come to and continue in faith in Jesus.	I live in ever deepening relationships.	I allow Jesus to reign in every area of life.	I use my time, talents, and spiritual gifts to meet practical needs.	I sacrificially share my material resources for the benefit of all.	I participate in the spiritual birth and nurture of others.	I give praise to God and live in a conversation of prayer.
A key Scripture	“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31 NIV)	“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.” (Philippians 1:9 NIV)	“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24 NLT)	“For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13 NLT)	“Give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them.” (1 Timothy 6:18 NLT)	“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:18-19 NIV)	“Give honor to the LORD for the glory of his name. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.” (Psalm 29:2 NLT)
A first step	Explore your faith in the Alpha Course	Join a small group .	Watch for a new “After Alpha” course.	Do the Serving Like Christ small group study.	Join the “Discovering God’s Way of Handling Money” video series.	Take part in the Walk Across the Room class.	Build a habit of weekly worship .
More steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk through your questions or doubts with a small group, pastor, or Christian friend. • Read <i>The Case for Faith</i> by Lee Strobel or <i>Letters from a Skeptic</i> by Dr. Greg Boyd. • Attend weekly worship services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become a Befriender. • Start a Home Huddle with your family. • Join a support group. • Contact Calvary if you sense a need for special support during a time of crisis or hardship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join an adult Bible study: Together in the Word, Crossways, Search, Women in the Word, Precepts. • The Truth Project • Via de Cristo • Marriage and marriage prep classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katrina trips • Families Moving Forward • Mission projects near and far • Contact John Hensrud to learn how you can discover and use your gifts. • Read Steve Sjogren’s <i>Conspiracy of Kindness</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join Crown Ministries “Biblical Financial Study” intensive small group study. • Read Howard Dayton’s <i>Your Money Counts</i> and Ron Blue’s <i>Splitting Heirs</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite an unchurched friend to join you at Alpha, MOPS, or a special event. • Bring a friend to Grace Place or a youth activity. • <i>Mission Shift: Reaching the World Next Door</i> • Join the Evangelism Task Force. • Read Nicky Gumble’s <i>Searching Issues</i>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you can’t be part of weekend worship, join us by radio or online, or pick up a sermon CD. • Join a Calvary choir. • Watch for details about Calvary’s new modern worship service—coming in January 2008.