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ACTION PLAN: BEGINNING
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*What's your next step in the adventure
of becoming like Christ?*

SPIRIT-LED SERVANT

You are in the **"Beginning in Christ"** Stage of having a **S**pirit-led servant and are ready to take your next steps. Below are resources specifically designed to help you develop this characteristic of Christlikeness.

Enjoy the adventure!



Daily time with God, praying and engaging with His Word, is the essential practice for Christian growth. Every other catalyst of growth involves this practice, builds on it or is a response to it. No matter where you're at, keep nurturing this core practice.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Spirit-led

Connecting to Discipleship: Devoted to God's Word through daily devotions and weekly worship.

This characteristic is defined by...

- Serving others rather than waiting to be served
- Serving regularly in a ministry of the church
- Volunteering in your community (Food bank, local missions, schools, etc.)
- Living in the flow of the Holy Spirit
- Obeying the prompting of the Holy Spirit to say or do something
- Exercising your spiritual gifts in the service of others
- Consciously surrendering the leadership of your life to the Holy Spirit

Core Verse:

"But now... we serve in the new way of the Spirit..." – Romans 7:6

SUGGESTED ACTION STEPS

Note: *These suggestions are just that: suggestions. They are not a checklist for spiritual growth. These practices have been found to catalyze spiritual growth in the lives of disciples who are serious about growing in Christ. Furthermore, these practices are continual, that is, they are to be seen as ongoing practices, though how they are done and how often they are done may change. Finally, these practices are cumulative in that they build on previous action steps from previous stages.*

TRY SERVING. Jesus came “not to be served, but to serve,” and as His followers, we are called to do the same! There are opportunities throughout the year to give serving a try, so keep an eye out for Serve Our City in the Spring, ways to serve as school is starting up in the Fall, and ways to serve those in need around the holidays.

TAKE A CLASS. Take the Class Living Surrendered 101 (LS101). In Living Surrender 101, we explore how we can live a life of **S**pirit-led Service, and of **T**rustworthy Stewardship of all of God’s resources. This course is usually taught as a one- or two-day seminar.

PRACTICE LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. One of the ways that the Holy Spirit ministers to the believer is by illuminating the words of Scripture, applying it to our hearts and helping us to see Jesus more clearly. This week, pray before you read scripture asking the Spirit for understanding and guidance.

FIND HOW YOU ARE SHAPED TO SERVE. All believers are invited to serve in the local church and in their community, using their gifts, talents, and passions to impact the world for Christ and build up the body. To find out how you have been uniquely gifted to serve, take the SHAPE survey on our church website!

BEGIN TO DO MINISTRY AS A LIFESTYLE. Ask God to show you ways to serve in small and spontaneous ways throughout your week, as well as ways to serve regularly in your church and community.

ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU SOMEONE WHO NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT.

For one week, spend a few minutes in prayer each morning asking God to bring a person to mind that could use some encouragement. Then, encourage that person with a note, or in person!

LEARN ON YOUR OWN. Read one of the books in the suggested materials along with your spiritual director, campus pastor, or LifeGroup leader.

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Remember, you aren't in this alone. As a member of Christ's body, the Church, you are journeying alongside many companions. These steps will be most meaningful if you talk them over and unpack them with a spiritual director—a pastor or leader in the church who can help you to understand your experience as you follow Jesus, listen to your difficulties, and encourage you along the way.

RESOURCES FOR GROWTH

Experiencing the Spirit by Henry Blackaby

S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life by Erik Rees

What You Do Best in the Body of Christ by Bruce Bugbee

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way by Bruce Bugbee

What's So Spiritual about Your Gifts? by Henry Blackaby