
STEP TWO

ESSENTIALS

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WELCOME TO ESSENTIALS

*“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

John 17:3 (NIV)

The Bible places tremendous value on relationships. In fact, the whole Bible can be summarized by saying that it is God’s story of His love and His plan to be in a relationship with us. Step Two is designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

SALVATION: HOW WE ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Salvation is the gift of God’s grace extended towards us for the forgiveness of sin and the purpose of beginning a relationship with Him.

*And Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the
Father except by Me”*

John 14:6

WORSHIP: EXPRESSION OF OUR LOVE AND TRUST IN JESUS

Worship can be defined this way: to express adoration or worth. Everything we do that demonstrates our love for Jesus is an act of worship. Sharing our faith, serving others, or giving of our time, talent and treasure is an act of worship. Our worship is how we thank Jesus for saving us.

*Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship*

Hebrews 12:28 ESV

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: HOW WE DEVELOP A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Just as we grow physically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally we are also encouraged in the Bible to grow spiritually. The more we get to know Jesus by spending time with Him, the healthier and closer our relationship is.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 ESV

Four Ways to Grow Spiritually:

1. Read the Bible

As we read, study, and learn from the Bible, we will grow in our relationship with Jesus and grasp how much He loves us. Everything we need to know is in the Bible and it has the power to change our lives.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Check out these resources to help you get started with reading the Bible.

Read Scripture - readscripture.org

YouVersion - youversion.com

2. Prayer

Prayer is simply having a conversation with Jesus where we speak to and hear from Him. Talking to Jesus regularly is a great way to grow in our relationship with Him. He is eagerly awaiting to speak with us, to hear our needs, and to reveal Himself to us.

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Jeremiah 33:3 ESV

One effective way to pray is by following the example Jesus gave His disciples in Matthew 6:9-13. We know it as the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer, Jesus gives us a pattern to follow when we pray.

You can find an example of how to pray using the Lord's prayer at ChurchoftheKing.com/prayer.

3. Godly Relationships

Relationships with people who have biblical values are vital to our spiritual growth. These relationships bring healing, hope, and encouragement as we continue growing closer to Jesus and others.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 10:24-25 NIV

The best way to have godly relationships is by joining a small group. To find a small group, visit **ChurchoftheKing.com/smallgroups**.

4. Serving

Jesus modeled a life of compassion, generosity, and love. He put others' needs before His own.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

When we serve, we shift our focus off of ourselves and onto others. We begin to see people and situations through the eyes of Jesus. A practical way to serve is through volunteering on the Dream Team at church, in the community, and around the world.

To join the team, visit **ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam**.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

1. Start a Bible Reading Plan
2. Commit to a Consistent Prayer Life
3. Learn more about Small Groups and the Dream Team