

VILLAGE VIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH

MY CHURCH

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"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL."
JOHN 10:10 NIV

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INTRODUCTION

Village View Growth Track is designed to help you become a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ. From the initial decision to find out more about the vision of Village View Church, to a fulfilling leadership role on our team, we will provide you with a path to experience growth and fulfillment.

The Growth Track is comprised of four specifically designed monthly events listed below. Each event helps you take a step towards God's plan of fulfillment for your life. Ultimately, our goal is to help you connect with a group of people where your life can touch the lives of others.

MY CHURCH 101 (First Sunday of every month)

Become better acquainted with the story, vision and values of Village View. Come to connect with others and have the opportunity to become a church member.

MY JOURNEY 201 (Second Sunday of every month)

Explore the essential tools and beliefs that produce a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

MY PURPOSE 301 (Third Sunday of every month)

Discover and understand how your personal and spiritual makeup reveals a path to your purpose. We believe God created every person with a specific plan for their life.

MY STORY 401 (Fourth Sunday of every month)

This class teaches you how to tell your story of what God has done in your life and provides helpful ways you can tell the good news of Jesus Christ to others.

DISCIPLESHIP WALK 501 (Annually offered in Spring/Summer months)

Take a short walk from your head to your heart at this 3-day spiritual emphasis and renewal weekend. The Walks are held once a year and are held separately for men, women and high school youth. Through a series of talks and discussions about what it means to be a fully-committed disciple of Christ, along with lots of fun and fellowship, your relationship with God and others are strengthened and transformed.

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OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today at Church 101, our hope is to give you a basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class is designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe. We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Village View Community Church!

OUR STORY

Pastors Marty and Ronda Shea dreamed of planting a church in with a simple goal - helping people connect with God so that they might reach their full potential. In 1997, 34 people committed to seeing this dream become a reality and began meeting in a home in Belleview. Village View Community Church had its first public service on Easter Sunday 1998. That Sunday over 200 people attended our first service at Spruce Creek Professional Center in Summerfield.

From early on, Village View Church focused on reaching out to the non-churched community by building relationships through small groups. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of Sunday services, and the simple style of Village View brought growth once the new church moved to its present location next to Harbour View Elementary School. By its fourth year, the church built the first phase of its current facility and grew to 250 people in weekly attendance.

Today over one thousand people attend the weekend services and over 800 gather in small groups all over tri-county area. God is at work at Village View. We invite you to see for yourself how exciting church can be when the focus is simple and people are encouraged to continually take next steps in their spiritual growth.

The Basics for this Class

“...You are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

Key Truths:

1. The church is a _____.
2. God expects you to be _____ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is _____.

The Goal of this Class:

That I will commit myself to _____ and to the _____.

What Makes Village View A Family?

Four things unite us:

- **Our Strategy** (How we fulfill our purpose)
- **Our Structure** (When and where we fulfill our purpose)
- **Our Statements** (Why we exist as a church)
- **Our Salvation** (What God has done for us)

Session One

The Village View Strategy

(Paul) “I have been all things to all sorts of people that by every possible means I might win some to God. I do all of this for the sake of the Good News.”

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (Ph)

Village View Mission and Vision Statements

Our Mission:

KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As a loving, caring, sharing, and growing church family sharing God's Good News, our Mission is:

- * To bring people to Jesus Christ,
- * To accept them as members of God's family,
- * To raise them to maturity in Christ,
- * To release them into ministry.

Our Vision:

OUR DREAM is to be a place known for its love, worship of God, its service to its families, the discipleship of its leaders, and its ability to reach others for Jesus and to see them become members of Village View Community Church.

OUR DREAM is to be a place where the lost, hurting, and receptive can find love, acceptance, forgiveness, renewal, and healing.

OUR DREAM is to be a place where people are encouraged to discover their Spiritual Gifts and use them in order to find fulfillment and fruitfulness in ministry and life.

OUR DREAM is to be a loving fellowship of believers involved in Small Groups, serving and building relationships with one another, reaching the unchurched, sharing in ministry, discipling through the Bible toward spiritual maturity and worshiping God in our homes, church, and communities.

OUR DREAM is to be a catalyst for the launching of new churches and multi-sites in order to reach 2.5% of the Tri-County Area with the good news of Jesus Christ by the year 2025, thereby changing the spiritual climate of our area for God's glory.

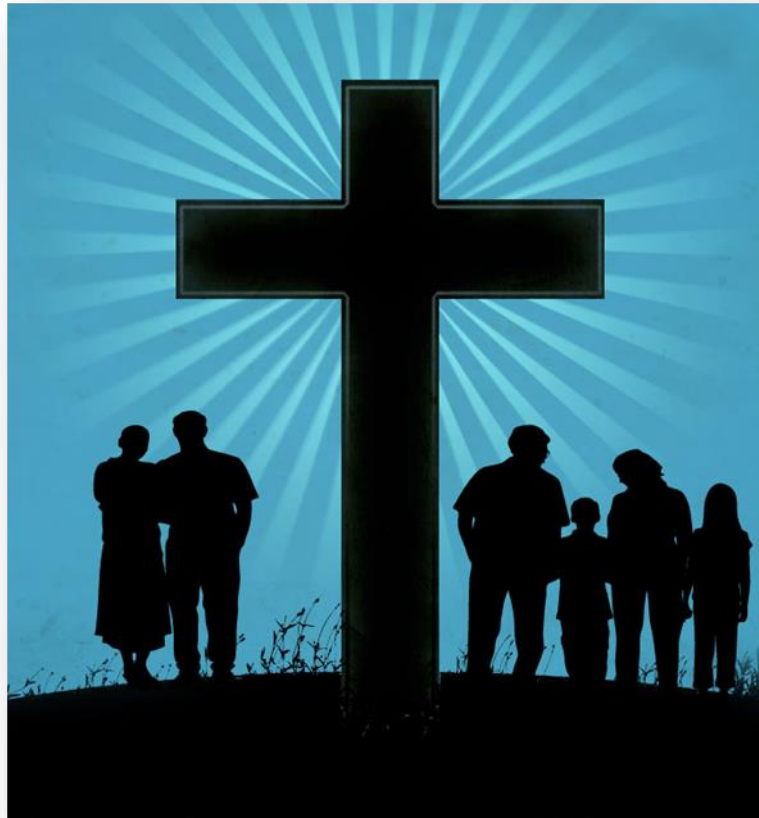
OUR DREAM is to be a regional church for the tri-county area with beautiful, yet simple facilities, a Bible School, Christian School, Christian Day Care, Youth and Senior Centers, Counseling Center, Assisted Living Facility with Nursing Care to minister to the whole person: body, soul, spirit, and to be located on a piece of land that is peaceful, beautifully landscaped and easily accessible.

Whom are we trying to reach?

“...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.”

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB)

Village View Victor & Victoria and Young Rural Families



Who are Village View Victor and Victoria?

- Empty Nesters/35 years of age and older
 - More free time
 - More concerned about healthcare

Who are Young Rural Families?

- Young rural families with children
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- Less free time
- More concerned about finances

Five Circles of Commitment:

Community = Unchurched & Occasional

Crowd = Regular Attenders

Congregation/Connected = Members

Committed = Maturing Members

Core = Lay Ministers



Village View's objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments.

Specifically, we call people to four basic commitments:

To GROW – CONNECT – SERVE - INVITE

The Four VVCC Commitments:

1. The Fellowship Covenant... (BE PART OF THE FAMILY)

is a commitment to _____ and _____.

“...You are members of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

“We are all parts of Christ’s Body, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other and each needs all the others.”

Romans 12:4-5 (LB)

2. The Maturity Covenant... (GROW AND CONNECT IN SMALL GROUPS)

is a commitment to practice the _____ necessary for spiritual growth and discipleship within a small group.

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

“Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” 1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

3. The Ministry Covenant... (SERVE OTHERS)

is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in _____ God and others.

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...”

1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

“There are different kinds of service to God...all of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27 (LB)

4. The Missions Covenant... (INVITE OTHERS)

is a commitment to _____ the Good News with others.

“...you will be my witnesses for me...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (GN)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect...” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Why do we have these covenants?

We become what we are _____.

Session Two

The Village View Structure

“For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace...
everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

1 Corinthians 14:33, 40 (NIV)

How our church is structured:

The structure of the church should *not* be determined by culture, business practices, or even denominational traditions.

The nature of the church determines its structure.

1. The Church is a _____.

“They continued steadily learning the teaching of the apostles, and joined in their fellowship...” Acts 2:42 (Ph)

A top priority in a fellowship is _____ and _____.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification...” Romans 14:19 (NIV)

ANY attitude that causes disunity is sin.

Colossians 3:15, 1 Corinthians 1:10, 2 Timothy 2:14, Proverbs 17:14,
2 Corinthians 13:11, Philippians. 1:27, 2:1-3, Colossians 2:2,
Philippians 4:2, 1 Peter 3:8, 1 Corinthians 14:33,
John 13:34-35, 2 Timothy 2:23, Romans 15:5-6, Romans 12:16-18,
Colossians 3:13-14, Psalm 133:1

Implication: A good structure promotes unity and downplays _____.

“(Often)... your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you...” 1 Corinthians 11:17-18 (NIV)

“Voting” tends to _____.

At Village View, we only vote on:

- Annual budget and legal trustees
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Calling the senior pastor
- Changes in the church constitution

2. The Church is a _____.

“You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.” 1 Peter 3:8 (LB)

Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 2:10-12, 1 Peter 4:17

So we operate based on _____ not _____.

“Don’t reprimand a senior member of the church, appeal to him as a father. Treat the young men as brothers, and the older women as mothers. Treat the younger women as sisters...”

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (Ph)

“(A Pastor) must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his family, how can he take care of God’s church?” 1 Timothy 3:45 (NIV)

3. The Church is a _____.

1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 5:23, Ephesians 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18, 2:19

We are a body — not a business!

We are an organism — not an organization!

Therefore, we function based on _____ not _____.

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have different gifts according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:4-6 (NIV)

In an organization, “maintenance” becomes the focus; but in an organism, “ministry” is the focus.

At Village View, we have a simple structure so we can maximize _____ and minimize _____.

“God gave...some to be pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)

Our Structure

- The people are the “_____”.
- The pastors are the “_____”.

Currently there are ____ different ministries in our church, begun and operated by members.

4. The Church is a _____.

(Jesus’ favorite description of the church)

John 10:1-30, Matthew 26:31, Matthew 25:33

Therefore, it is cared for and led by _____.

“Jesus asked Simon Peter, ‘Do you really love me?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ said Peter. ‘Then take care of my sheep.’” John 21:16 (LB)

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the same church leaders:

- “POIMEN” – Pastor or Shepherd, care for the flock
- “PRESBUTEROS” – Elder or Presbyter, a position of authority and responsibility
- “EPISCOPOS” – Overseer or Bishop, care giver, guardian for the church

“To the **elders** I say...**Be shepherds** of God’s flock, watching over them...” 1 Peter 5:1-2 (NIV)

“Paul sent to Ephesus for the **elders** of the church. When they arrived he said to them... Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God...” Acts 20:17-18, 28 (NIV)

Session Three

The Village View Statements

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

Our Purpose Statement

KNOW GOD, FIND FREEDOM, DISCOVER PURPOSE, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The purpose of our church is summarized in a single sentence based on two key scriptures:

“We believe a Great Commitment to the

Great _____ and the

Great _____ will grow a Great Church!”

The Great Commandment: “Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’”
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

The Great Commission: “Jesus said, ‘Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...’”
Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

- To “Love God with all your heart” is **“WORSHIP”**.
- To “Love your neighbor as yourself” is **“MINISTRY”**.
- To “Go...make disciples” is **“EVANGELISM”**.
- To “Baptize...” is to **“FELLOWSHIP”**.
- To “Teach them...all things” is **“DISCIPLESHIP”**.

Village View Church exists:

1. To _____ **God’s Presence (Worship)**
2. To _____ **God’s Love (Ministry)**
3. To _____ **God’s Word (Evangelism)**
4. To _____ **God’s Family (Fellowship)**
5. To _____ **God’s People (Discipleship)**

A. We exist to celebrate God's presence.

Worship: _____

“...Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.” Matthew 4:10 (NIV)

“...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23-24 (NASB)

Expressions of Worship

- **Singing** (Ephesians 5:19)
- **Commitment** (Romans 12:1-2)
- **Praying** (Psalm 95:6)
- **Hearing the Word** (John 17:17)
- **Giving** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- **Baptism** (Romans 6:3-4)
- **Meditating** (Habakkuk 2:20)
- **Lord’s Supper** (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- **Clapping** (Psalm 47:1)
- **Shouting** (Psalm 5:11)
- **Raising Hands** (1 Timothy 2:8)

VVCC Worship Style

“Celebration”

Psalm 122:1

“Inspiration”

Isaiah 40:31

“Preparation”

Ephesians 4:11-12

B. We exist to communicate God's Word.

Evangelism: _____

“His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known...” Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how shall they ask Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells him?” Romans 10:13-14 (LB)

Why our Church must never stop growing:

1) Because _____.

“The Lord...is patient, **not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:14, Luke 15:3-10, Matthew 9:12-13

2) Because _____.

“...Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that the house will be full.”
Luke 14:23 (LB)

“...you will be my witnesses...” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

3) Because _____.

“...Under Christ's control, the whole Body is nourished...and grows as God wants it to grow.” Colossians 2:19 (GN)

“... (Jesus) I will build my church...” Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

Unbiblical Excuses for Not Growing:

- “God isn’t interested in numbers.”
- “Our church wants quality not quantity.”
- “Large churches are impersonal.”

**We believe our church must grow _____ and _____
at the same time.**

“And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14 (NLT)

C. We exist to encourage growth in God’s people.

Discipleship: _____

“... let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity...”
Hebrews 6:1(NIV)

“Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

“(God has given)...some to be pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.” Ephesians 4:11-13 (GN)

More details will be covered in ESSENTIALS 201.

D. We exist to demonstrate God's love.

Ministry: _____

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35 (NIV)

1 John 3:16-17, Matthew 25:34-40, Hebrews 13:16, Romans 12:13

The heartbeat of Village View is our _____.

Every member needs to be a part of one.

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities... and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)... All of you together are the one body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

At VVCC...

- Every member is a _____.
- Every task is _____.
- Every member is a “10” in _____.

E. We exist to belong in God’s family.

Fellowship: _____

“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.” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:3 (NIV)

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7 (NIV)

Our Statement of Faith

What We Believe

- In essential beliefs — we have _____.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6 (NASB)

- In non-essential beliefs — we have _____.

“Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall... So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God...” Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22 (NIV)

- **In all our beliefs — we show _____.**

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I have the absolute faith which can move mountains — but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

The Essentials We Believe:

1. About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

2. About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30;
Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4;
Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13

3. About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control daily.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13, 14:16-17; Acts 1:8;
1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25;
Ephesians 5:18

4. About the Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:13;
Psalm 12:6, 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5

5. About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin". This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a;
Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

6. About Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5

7. About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; John 14:17; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18;
Revelation 20:15; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

Our Lifestyle Statement

What We Practice

Beliefs are not worth much unless they are translated into actions. Based on what the Bible teaches, we feel very strongly about the following eight practices:

Bible as Our Sole Authority

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:16 (LB)

Since God’s Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is “What does the Bible say?” We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

Each Local Church is Autonomous (Self-Governing)

“Christ is the head of His Body, the church. He is the source of the Body’s life...” Colossians 1:18 (GN)

Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group, or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control.

Priesthood of Every Believer

“Christ loves us, and by His death He has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve God...” Rev. 1:6 (GN) “You are...the King’s priests...God’s own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God.” 1 Peter 2:9 (GN)

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to “full time” Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayer Bible reading.

Tithing

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)

At Village View, we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10-11

Immersion

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ...” Colossians 2:12 (GN)

We practice baptism by immersion under water — the way Jesus was baptized, and the way the Bible commands.

Spirit-Led Living

(Jesus said), “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 (NASB)

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God’s power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God’s Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

Philippians 2:13, Ephesians 5:18

Telling Others About Christ

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those with whom God brings us into contact. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.

Holiness in Our Daily Living

As the believer yields his life to the Holy Spirit one of the things that He will produce in the life of the believer is Holy Living.

Galatians 5:18-22

Due to the day and age that we live in, it is necessary to point out that some life styles deemed socially acceptable may not be considered Biblically approved.

Session Four

Our Salvation

"For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and we who have been baptized into union with Christ are enveloped by Him. We are no longer Jews or Gentiles or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same - we are Christians; we are one in Jesus Christ."

Galatians 3:26-28 (LB)

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Most people live their entire lives without ever knowing "WHY?"

They exist year after year with no idea why they live or God's purpose for their lives. The most basic question a person can ask is, "*What is the meaning of life?*"

Everyone wants to be happy. People try many ways:

...Some look for happiness by **acquiring possessions.**

...Some look for happiness by **experiencing pleasures.**

...Some look for happiness by **gaining prestige & power.**

But, real happiness comes from understanding my _____.

A. Why am I here?

1) **God made me to _____ me!**

"God says, 'I have loved you ...with an everlasting love!'" Jeremiah 31:3 (LB)

"Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before him. Because of his love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his children and this was his pleasure and purpose."
Ephesians 1:4-5 (GN)

2) **We were created _____ a personal relationship with God and to _____ all of the rest of God's creation! This makes us special!**

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

"So God created human beings, making them to be like Him. He ... blessed them, and said ...live all over the earth and bring it under control. I am putting you in charge." Genesis 1:27-28 (LB)

"Jesus said, 'I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness!'" John 10:10 (GN)

3) When we know and love God and live in harmony with His purpose for our lives, it produces tremendous benefits in our lives:

Clear Conscience Romans 8:1	Life & Peace Romans 8:6	Help with Weakness Romans 8:26
Purpose Romans 8:28	Confidence Romans 8:31	Security Romans 8:39
Power & Strength Philippians 4:13	Fulfillment Philippians 4:19	Freedom John 8:32 & 36
	Redeeming Love Psalms 103	

B. What's the problem?

Man has a natural desire to _____ and to ignore God's principles for living.

- "Look out for #1. Do your own thing."
- "If it feels good, do it - regardless of what God says about it."
- "It's my life and I'll do what I please!"

The Bible calls this attitude: _____.

"All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, and each of us has turned to his own way."
Isaiah 53:6 (NASB)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us."
1 John 1:8 (GN)

Sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

"The trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God." Isaiah 59:2 (LB)

"All have sinned and fall short of God's glorious ideal." Romans 3:23 (LB)

When our relationship to God is not right, it causes PROBLEMS in every area of our lives - marriage, career, relationships, finances, etc.

WHEN PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS, THEY OFTEN TRY MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF COPING BEFORE TURNING TO GOD.

"There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

Even when we know that our deepest need is God, we often try wrong ways of getting to know Him:

- "My mother was a Christian so..."
- "It doesn't matter what you believe, just be sincere."
- "I'll give up all my bad habits."
- "I'll work real hard and earn it."
- "I'll be religious and go to church."

C. What's the solution?

"Jesus Christ said, 'I AM THE WAY, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except THROUGH ME!'" John 14:6 (NIV)

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. The Way is a Person!

JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR SIN PROBLEM!

"The wages of sin is death, BUT the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 (NASB)

God did this for us because He loves us and wants us to know Him.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

"God is on one side and all people are on the other side, and Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together, by giving His life for all mankind." 1 Timothy 2:5 (LB)

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to accept individually what He has done for us.

D. What does God want me to do?

- 1) _____ **that God has not been first place in your life and ask Him to forgive your sins.**

"But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

- 2) _____ **that Jesus died to pay for your sins; He rose again on the third day (Easter), and is alive today.**

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 (NLT)

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name... (Jesus) by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (NIV)

- 3) _____ **God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.**

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God** - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but based on what Jesus already did for us!

- 4) _____ **Jesus Christ to come into your life and be the director (Lord) of your life.**

"To all who receive Him, He gives the right to become children of God. All we need to do is to trust Him to save us. All those who **believe** this are reborn! ...not a physical rebirth...but from the will of God!" John 1:12-13 (LB)

"Jesus says, 'Listen! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...'" Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

You can take these steps by praying a simple prayer of commitment to God:

"Dear Jesus, thank you for making me and loving me, even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. Please help me to understand it more. As much as I know how, I want to follow you from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian."

“Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13 (LB)

The Importance of Being Baptized

A. Why should I be baptized?

1) To follow the example set by _____.

“At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the Jordan.”
Mark 1:9 (NIV)

2) Because Christ _____ it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere **and make them my disciples**, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and **then teach them** to obey everything I have commanded you’” Matthew 28:19-20 (GN)

3) It demonstrates that I really am a _____.

“But when they **believed** Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God **and** the name of Jesus Christ, they **were baptized...**” Acts 8:12 (NIV)

B. What is the meaning of baptism?

1) It illustrates Christ’s _____ and resurrection.

“Christ died for our sins... He was buried...and He rose again.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NKJV)

“And when you were baptized, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Then you were raised to life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from death.”
Colossians 2:12 (CEV)

2) It illustrates my _____ as a Christian.

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

“We were therefore **buried** with him through **baptism** into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life!**”
Romans 6:4 (NIV)

Baptism doesn't make you a believer – it shows that **you already believe**. Baptism does not “save” you, only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring – it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

C. Why be baptized by immersion?

Because _____ was baptized that way.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water...” Matthew 3:16 (NIV)

Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion.

(Example) “...then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water...” Acts 8:38-39 (NIV)

The word ‘baptize’ means to _____ water.

The Greek word *baptizo* means “to immerse or dip under water”.

IT BEST SYMBOLIZES A BURIAL AND RESURRECTION!

D. Who should be baptized?

Every person who has _____ in Christ.

“So then, those who had received his word were baptized...” Acts 2:41 (NASB)

“Simon himself **believed** and was **baptized...**” Acts 8:13 (NIV)

“But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.” Acts 8:12 (NASB)

At Village View, we wait until our children are old enough to **believe** and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them.

Some churches practice a “*baptism of confirmation*” for children. This ceremony is intended to be a covenant between the parents and God on the behalf of the child. The parents promise to raise their child in the faith until the child is old enough to make his own personal confession of Christ. This custom began about 300 years after the Bible was completed. **This is different from the baptism talked about in the Bible**, which was only for those old enough to believe. The purpose is to confess publicly your personal commitment to Christ.

At Village View, it is highly recommended as a fellowship requirement, that every member be baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

Over _____, people have been baptized at Village View!

For those who feel led to be baptized today, the baptismal tank is available right now. Just speak to me at the end of class.

A. When should I be baptized?

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

“Those who accepted his message were baptized...that day.” Acts 2:41 (NIV)

“Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the man said, ‘Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him.” Acts 8:35-38 (NIV)

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are “perfect”, you’ll never feel “good enough”!

SPECIAL NEEDS?

All of our Pastors can perform a private baptism in special circumstances.

The Meaning of the Lord’s Supper / Communion

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

A. What is the Lord’s Supper/Communion? 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1) It is a _____.

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, **took bread...** (vs. 23)

2) It is a _____.

“...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; eat it **in remembrance** of me.’” (vs. 24)

3) It is a _____.

“In the same way, He took the cup, saying, ‘**This cup** is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.’” (vs. 25)

4) It is a _____.

“For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord’s death** until He comes back.” (vs. 26)

B. Who should take the Lord’s Supper / Communion?

Only those who are already _____.

Mark 14:22-26 (NIV)

“For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God’s judgment upon yourself.” 1 Corinthians 11:29 (NLT)

C. How do I prepare myself for the Lord’s Supper / Communion?

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (NASB)

1. Self-Examination

1 Corinthians 11:27

2. Confessing My Sins

1 John 1:9

3. Recommitment

Romans 12:1

4. Restoring Relationships

Matthew 5:23-24

D. When and how often should we observe the Lord's Supper / Communion?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe The Lord’s Supper. At Village View Church, we take the Lord’s Supper the third weekend of every month.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:25 (NIV)

See also Titus 1:5-7, 1 Timothy 5:17

Our Affiliations

Village View Community Church associates with four organizations:

- Purpose Driven Network (PDN)
- Willow Creek Association (WCA)
- The Association of Related Churches (ARC)
- Church of God, Anderson, Indiana

Why not just be an independent church?

We are an independent church! There is no denominational control or hierarchy, as there are in most other denominations. Each church is self-governed and determines its own affairs.

What are the advantages of affiliating with these organizations?

It allows us to **identify with other Christians** around the world who are known for their commitment to the Bible. The Bible is our only authority. We are also able to access their training resources and expertise as needed.

What does it mean to be a member?

The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed up in one word:

_____.

At Village View Church, we recognize the need for a formal membership.

We ask you to commit to membership for four reasons:

- 1. A Biblical Reason:**
Christ is committed to the church

“...Christ loved the church, and he gave His life for it.” Eph. 5:25 (GN)

- 2. A Cultural Reason:**
It is an antidote to our society

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers”. Commitment swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

**3. A Practical Reason:
It defines who can be counted on**

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Fellowship Covenant identifies our family.

**4. A Personal Reason:
It produces spiritual growth**

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you're not committed to any specific church family.

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.” Psalm 92:12-13 (NIV)

What is expected of me?

At Village View Church, we never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect our members to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Fellowship Covenant.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Become a member of Village View Church.
2. Complete the Growth Track.
3. Join a Small Group.
4. Serve on the Dream Team.
5. Attend a Discipleship Walk (Growth Track 501).

The Village View Fellowship Covenant

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and been baptized, and being in agreement with Village View's statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Village View church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church

...By acting in love toward one another

...By refusing to gossip and always choosing wholesome speech

...By actively and responsibly resolving conflict according to Matthew 18

...By following the leadership of VVCC

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of one another's character." Romans 14:19 (Ph)

"Live in complete harmony with each other — each with the attitude of Christ toward the other." Romans 15:5 (LB)

"Have a sincere love for other believers; love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22 (GN)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you." Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

2. I will share the responsibility of my church

...By praying for its growth

...By inviting the unchurched to attend

...By warmly welcoming those who visit

...By furthering the VVCC community by active Small Group engagement

"To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." 1 Thessalonians 1:2 (LB)

"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full." Luke 14:23 (LB)

"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7 (LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church

...By discovering my gifts and talents

...By being equipped to serve by my pastors

...By developing a servant's heart

...By seeking at all times to be disciple and to disciple others

“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you...” 1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)

“God gave...some to be pastors and teacher to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...” Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)

“Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others... In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: by taking the nature of a servant...” Philippians 2:3-5, 7

4. I will support the testimony of my church

...By attending faithfully

...By living a godly and biblical lifestyle

...By regularly giving my tithes and offerings

...By actively connecting with God and others

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:25 (GN)

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.” Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

“On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for the offering.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

“A tenth of ... all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy.” Leviticus 27:30 (LB)

Fellowship Covenant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Yes, I would like to become an Associate Member of VVCC and am attending VVCC for more than 4 months out of the year.

Fellowship Covenant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print name

Member's Copy

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Please check one:

I am a full-time resident in area.

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I am renewing my previously signed Fellowship Covenant

This is my first time entering into the Fellowship Covenant

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Spiritual Journey Assessment

At Village View our mission is to know God, find freedom, discover purpose and make a difference. This assessment and the VVCC Discipleship Pathway document are designed to help you identify where you are in your spiritual journey so that you can make better choices to guide your spiritual growth. Use these 24 questions to honestly and prayerfully assess where you are and then total your score at the end of the assessment.

Questions 1 thru 7 pertain to Spiritual Beliefs and Attitudes

- | 1. | “I believe I cannot earn my salvation through good works.” | | | | | Mark
Answer
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 2. | “I believe the God of the Bible is the one true God - Father, Son & Holy Spirit” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 3. | “I believe God is actively involved in my life.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
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| 4. | “I desire Jesus to be first in my life.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
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| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 5. | “I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus Christ.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 6. | “I exist to know, love and serve God on a daily basis.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
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| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |
| 7. | “I believe a Christian should live a sacrificial life that is not driven by pursuit of material things.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Undecided | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | |

Questions 8 thru 13 pertain to Organized Church Activities

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| 8. | “I serve in a ministry in my church.” | | | | | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="text"/> |
| | 1 Time/week + | 1-2 Times/month | Occasionally | Rarely | Never | |

9. "I serve those in need through my church." (Includes VVCC Outreaches)

1 2 3 4 5
1 Time/week + 1-2 Times/month Occasionally Rarely Never

10. "I meet with a small group through my church."

1 2 3 4 5
1 Time/week + 1-2 Times/month Occasionally Rarely Never

11. "I participate in adult education type classes focused on biblical spiritual topics." (Both VVCC and non-VVCC sponsored, including online)

1 2 3 4 5
1 Time/week + 1-2 Times/month Occasionally Rarely Never

12. "I attend weekend services."

1 2 3 4 5
1 Time/week + 1-2 Times/month Occasionally Rarely Never

13. "I attend an additional teaching/worship/prayer service." (VVCC & non-VVCC Sponsored)

1 2 3 4 5
1 Time/week + 1-2 Times/month Occasionally Rarely Never

Questions 14 thru 20 pertain to Personal Spiritual Practices

14. "I read the Bible and Christian books."

1 2 3 4 5
Daily Several Times / Occasionally Rarely Never
Week

15. "I reflect on the meaning of Scripture in my life."

1 2 3 4 5
Daily Several Times / Occasionally Rarely Never
Week

16. "I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do."

1 2 3 4 5
Strongly Agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. **“I pray to seek God’s guidance for my life.”**

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Daily - A Constant Conversation	Several Times /Week	Once a Week	1-2 Times /Month	Only in time of Need	

18. **“I pray to confess my sins.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
Daily	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	

19. **“I set aside time for solitude and to listen to God.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
Daily	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	

20. **“I currently give to the Lord’s work at the church.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
10% or More	6-9% of Income	2-5% of Income	Less than 1%	Rarely or Never	

Questions 21 thru 24 pertain to Spiritual Activities with Others

21. **“I have had meaningful spiritual conversations with non-Christians in the past year.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
6 or more times	4-5 times	several	At least 1	None that I can think of	

22. **“I meet with or talk to a close friend who helps me grow spiritually.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
Weekly	1-2/Month	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	

23. **“I serve those in need on my own.” (Within and/or outside the church)**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
1/Week or more	1-2/Month	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	

24. **“I meet with, or talk to, a spiritual mentor or confidant.”**

1	2	3	4	5	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid blue;" type="text"/>
Weekly	1-2/Month	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	

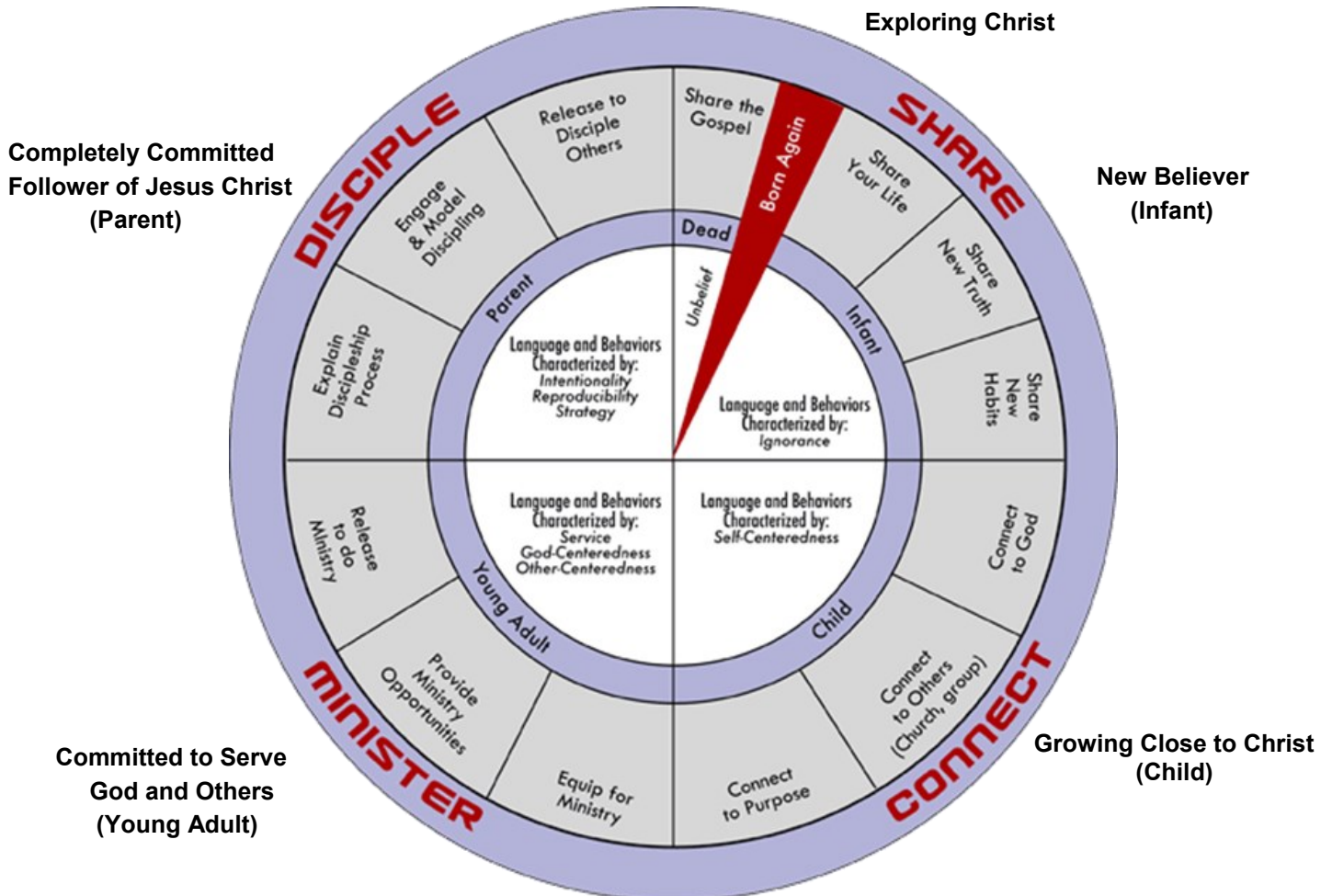
Add the value of the answers you selected from the previous 24 questions and select the Spiritual Growth Stage below in which your total score falls. Then select one or two Next Steps from the VVCC Discipleship Pathway document.

- 24 - 36 Completely Committed Follower of Jesus Christ (Parent)
- 37 - 60 Committed to Serve God and Others (Young Adult)
- 61 - 84 Growing Close to Christ (Child)
- 85 - 108 New Believer (Infant)
- 109 -120 Exploring Christ

TOTAL SCORE

One's spiritual journey is personal and is not always a straight path. However, research shows that as a person takes Next Steps, there is movement from stage to stage leading to one becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus Christ. So, whether you are checking out Christianity or you are a committed follower of Jesus Christ, you are on a spiritual journey and there is a Next Step for you.

Real-Life Discipleship Process



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Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Contact Information: Address _____
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MINISTRY EVENT EVALUATION

Event Name: My Church 101

Date: / /

Leader's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

(Optional)

Please circle the number which best represents your opinion and complete the statements with your thoughts. When you have completed this evaluation, please place it in the designated area. Thank you.

Questions	Poor	Excellent
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| • Overall rating of this event | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| • How well this event met your objectives | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| • Other | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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Would you recommend this event to other people?

The best thing about this event was

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