

## NEXT Next Steps

We believe you matter to God, so we want to help you know Jesus Christ.

KNOW JESUS-NEXT Next Steps:

1. Do Daily life with Jesus - recognize he is at work each day in your life.

2. Worship with the Body - Commit to regularly attend worship to remind yourself of what life is supposed to be instead of what it is.

3. Personal Daily worship - Loving God in your unique way:

1. **Naturalists** — love God best outdoors. These people worship in the midst of God's creation. They celebrate His majesty and discover spiritual truths through nature.

2. **Sensates** — love God through their senses. These people worship through sensual experiences — sights (like art), sounds (music), smells, and more.

3. **Traditionalists** — love God through religious ritual and symbols. These people worship through traditions and sacraments of the Church. They believe structure, repetition, and rigidity, like weekly liturgy, leads to deeper understanding of God and faith.

4. **Ascetics** — love God in solitude and simplicity. These people worship through prayer and quiet time, and the absence of all outside noise and distraction.

5. **Activists** — love God through confrontation, fighting for godly principles and values. They worship through their dedication to and participation in God's truth about social and evangelistic causes.

6. **Caregivers** — love God by serving others, and worship by giving of themselves. They may nurse the sick and disabled, "adopt" a prisoner, donate time at a shelter, etc.

7. **Enthusiasts** — love God through mystery and celebration. These people worship with outward displays of passion and enthusiasm. They love God with gusto!

8. **Contemplatives** — love God through adoration. These people worship by their attentiveness, deep love, and intimacy. They have an active prayer life.

9. **Intellectuals** — love God with their mind and their hearts are opened up to a new attentiveness when they understand something new about God.

-See Gary Thomas, Sacred Pathways.

4. See Jesus in the "least of these." Learning to know Jesus by knowing the poor, the disadvantaged, the marginalized.

We believe church is a place of grace, so we want to help you know community

KNOW COMMUNITY-NEXT Next Steps:

1. Take personal responsibility for making ADBC a place of grace by being welcoming and friendly.
2. Encourage people in your group when they are going through a crisis or are vulnerable.
3. Provide meals, helps, and services to people in our church family who are going through a tough time.
4. Attend the annual church meeting and any specially called meetings to let your voice be heard.
5. Join a team that brings community to those cut off from attending: Homebound Ministry; Online Church Ministry.
6. Learn to love and reach out to your enemy and those that annoy you.
7. Develop deep friendships – people you can call at 3 AM and people who can speak graceful truth into your life.
8. Model in your family healthy relational patterns taught by Jesus.

**We believe everyone needs to be like Jesus, so we want to help you grow character.**

GROW CHARACTER- NEXT Next Steps:

1. Get in a LIFE Group that specifically relates to your hurt.
2. Seek help from a qualified counselor with Jesus values.
3. Set a regular time and place for personal Bible Study and

Prayer.

4. Learn to listen and follow whispers from God.
5. Learn about other spiritual disciplines and begin practicing

them:

- Inward disciplines of [fasting](#) and [meditation](#).
- Outward disciplines of [simplicity](#), [solitude](#), [submission](#), and service.
- Corporate disciplines of [confession](#), [worship](#), guidance, and celebration

**We believe everyone has a purpose, so we want to help you go share.**

GO SHARE-NEXT Next Steps:

1. Learn to invest in people far from God, invite to church, and invest in helping them take their next step toward Jesus.
2. Be part of the Prayer Ministry, interceding for Kingdom Needs.
3. Participate in Operation Inasmuch opportunities to bless our community.
4. Find a “home” ministry that is your calling and focus your energies there.
5. Take a mission trip.
6. Learn to lead a ministry.
7. Lead a LIFE Group – be their pastor.
8. Apprentice for a leadership position in your LIFE Group – Teacher, Coordinator, Host, etc.

9. Serve as a Deacon - participate in Outreach and Hospital Ministry.
10. Become a person of influence for Jesus in your neighborhood.
11. Be a local missionary and participate in the launching of a new campus.
12. Serve the poor.
13. Be involved in promoting justice and advocating for those who have no voice.