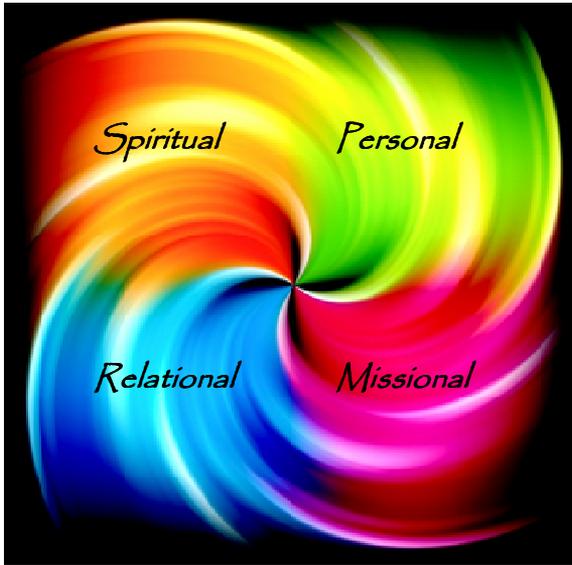


DISCIPLESHIP MAP



Your guide to following Jesus with the
Vineyard Church of Davenport



the vineyard
"Let's Do Life...Together!"

OVERVIEW:

At the Vineyard Church of Davenport, we believe that being a follower of Jesus affects every part of our normal, everyday lives. We want to be like Him in every way, follow His wisdom in every aspect of life, and see Him transforming every part of who we are. To help you on your journey of following Jesus, we have created this map to help you connect with resources, events, and activities that we have found to be helpful on our own journeys.

We believe in a “holistic” style of discipleship, which simply means that we want to learn to love Jesus in every part of our lives. To summarize the areas of discipleship, there are four main categories: Spiritual, Personal, Relational, and Missional. Then within each of those four categories, there are three stages that indicate how far we’ve come on our journey: Investigating, Committing, Maturing.



Investigating: This stage is primarily defined by asking questions, researching, observing, or “just showing up.” As you grow in the investigating stage, you begin asking more detailed questions, begin evaluating an area of your life, and finding out what God has to say about it.



Committing: Once you become aware of where God is leading you in your journey, you have to make a decision. Will you keep doing things the same way you always have, or are you ready to try His way? Once you’ve made an initial commitment in an area, it’s usually a process of growing and learning until you reach the next milestone...



Maturing: At some point, you begin to grow past the level of a basic commitment. You’ve experienced the benefits of doing life with Jesus in this part of your life, but you’re not done yet! There is always more that God wants to do as you continue to grow closer to Him.

For each area of discipleship, you will see a brief description of what we are talking about, followed by some characteristics of each stage, along with some really practical steps you can take for that part of your journey. We pray as you participate with God on your spiritual journey and do life together with us here at the Vineyard Church of Davenport, you will see some amazing things happen in your life!

HOW DO I USE THIS DISCIPLESHIP MAP?

It doesn't matter how far you've come on your journey of following Jesus; the most important thing is: Which way you are headed? Are you moving towards Jesus or away from Him? This map can help show you some possible next steps for where you are in your journey. To help you find the direction for your next adventure in following Jesus, follow these simple steps:

STEP 1: FIND OUT WHERE YOU ARE.

On any journey, before you find out where you are going, you have to know where you are! So read through each page of this discipleship map, and ask yourself the questions described in each stage of the journey. If most of your answers to the *Investigating* stage are "Yes", you've probably passed that stage of the journey, so move on to the *Committing* stage. If most of your answers are "Yes," then move on the *Maturing* stage. If you are answering "No" to the questions in the description, that's the stage you are probably in right now. Once you've figured out which stage you are at, circle that stage on each page.

STEP 2: FIGURE OUT WHICH DIRECTION YOU'RE GOING!

Go back through the map for each discipleship area and write down which stage of the journey you are in right now (Investigating, Committing, Maturing).

Spiritual

Knowing Jesus: _____

Holy Spirit: _____

Spiritual Exercises: _____

Bible/Theology: _____

Personal

Self-Awareness: _____

Character: _____

Man. Time & \$: _____

Physical Health: _____

Relational

Emotional Health: _____

Family: _____

Church Community: _____

Missional

Christ's Causes: _____

Serve Spiritual Family: _____

Tell Others about Jesus: _____

Don't be discouraged or overwhelmed! Remember you are not alone on this journey- Jesus would love to help lead you into what He wants to do next in your life.

STEP 3: PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND START MOVING!

Now comes the fun part! Spend some time praying and asking Jesus "What do you want to do next in my life?" Ask a friend for some input as well. Look at the different categories- are you farther along in some areas than you are in others? Go back to the pages you want to grow in, read through the next steps and recommended reading, and pick 3 next steps that you want to do in the next 12 weeks. Write them down below and tell a friend who can help encourage you on your journey!

MY NEXT STEPS:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

SPIRITUAL

The “Spiritual” path of your journey is all about growing in your relationship with God. Areas covered in this part of your journey are: Knowing Jesus, Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Exercises, and Bible/Theology.

Knowing Jesus- Jesus is at the center of our journey in life. He is not only the goal to which we are moving towards, but He is also our guide, helping us to grow closer to him every step of the way.



Investigating: Do you believe in God? Have you made a decision to follow Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Attend Sunday morning services to learn more about Jesus, read *Mark* in the Bible, visit a Life Group, make a commitment to follow Jesus by circling “I want to start following Jesus today” on your connection card, and/or watch the “*Who is Jesus?*” mini-DVD. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Eli, The Shack, Not the Religious Type, “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,” Mere Christianity*



Committing: Are you intentionally learning more about Jesus? Are you growing in love for Him? Do you regularly talk to God through prayer? Do you see your life changing because you are following Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Read *Matthew* in the Bible, get baptized-circle “I’m interested in more information about baptism” on your connection card, and/or see “Spiritual Exercises” area for ideas on how to grow in your relationship with Jesus. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Passport, Start Here*



Maturing: Is your relationship with Jesus at the center of your life? Do you enjoy spending time with God daily? Are you making life decisions based on the wisdom found in the Bible? Is following Jesus the top priority in your life? Are you helping others to follow Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Help someone else experience Jesus like you do, and/or grow in spiritual exercises and continue growing in every part of your life. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Simply Jesus, Jesus Brand Spirituality*

SPIRITUAL

Empowered by the Holy Spirit: Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit to experience God's presence and to continue the ministry of Jesus. We want to participate with what the Spirit is doing as we go through daily life and see the Spirit working powerfully through us.



Investigating: Have you let someone pray with you in person? Do you feel like you sense God in worship?

NEXT STEPS: Attend "The Well", ask God to help you experience the Holy Spirit, spend time worshipping God alone, try raising your hands in worship, open your heart to what God wants to do instead of trying to be in control yourself, and/or sign up for Soaking Prayer or Encouraging Words at the Info Center. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Power Evangelism*



Committing: Do you regularly pray for others? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are, and are you using them? Do you feel like you hear from God when you pray?

NEXT STEPS: Participate in "The Well," take a spiritual gifts test, and/or take Prayer Response team training. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *3 Colors of Ministry, Empowered Evangelicals, Power Healing, Furious Love DVD, Naturally Supernatural, Doing Healing*



Maturing: Do you regularly seek direction from God and respond to what He says? Do you give messages to others that you have heard from God? Have you ever prayed for someone and seen them instantly healed? Do you pray with a prayer language?

NEXT STEPS: Join the Prayer Response team, take risks in uncomfortable situations to pray for people, help others experience the Holy Spirit, ask God to give you a spiritual gift that you haven't experienced yet, and/or listen to CD resource on receiving prayer language. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Breakthrough DVD, Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*

SPIRITUAL

Spiritual Exercises: Spiritual exercises are the things that we can do to train us to experience God's presence in our daily lives. Things like reading the Bible, praying, worshipping, and serving others are practical things that we can do to grow in our relationship with God.



Investigating: Have you ever read the Bible on your own? Do you pray? Have you ever done something that has helped you feel close to God?

NEXT STEPS: Read the book of *Mark*, try praying for 3 minutes about real stuff in your life, and/or serve with others in the church or another organization.

RECOMMENDED READING: *The Life You've Always Wanted*



Committing: Do you spend time a few times a week doing things that help you feel close to God? Have there been times in your life where you have intentionally done a spiritual exercise to draw closer to God?

NEXT STEPS: Read one of the books below to learn about spiritual exercises you haven't done before and try them out, ask someone you respect what they do to experience God and have them show you, read the Psalms and use them as a guide for prayer, and/or do the Daily Office (<http://annarborvineyard.org/tdh/tdh.cfm>)

RECOMMENDED READING: *The Life You've Always Wanted*, *Celebration of Disciplines*



Maturing: Do you set aside time at least once per day to experience God? Have you ever showed someone else how to experience God by doing a spiritual exercise? Have you ever tried doing a spiritual exercise that is uncomfortable for you for the purpose of drawing closer to God?

NEXT STEPS: Continue to grow in experiencing God through daily exercises, try new ones, teach others, participate in periodic church-wide challenges, and/or journal/blog your experiences with God. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, *Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough*

SPIRITUAL

Bible/Theology: The Bible is the primary method of learning to hear God's voice and gives direction for our daily lives. We seek to understand the Bible, and then most importantly, weave its wisdom into our lives. Our theology is how we view God and His Kingdom, and as we grow in biblically rooted theology, we are able to more accurately apply the Bible to everyday life.



Investigating: Do you know how to read and understand the Bible?

NEXT STEPS: Listen to *"The Message"* Bible on mp3, read *Luke, Acts, Ephesians and Philippians, Genesis* in the Bible, and/or attend a Life Group to engage in practical discussion based on what the Bible says. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian?*



Committing: Do you regularly read the Bible and apply what it says to your life? Do you know how to use the Bible to answer questions that people have? Do you know what "the kingdom of God" is?

NEXT STEPS: Participate in a yearly Bible reading plan, wrestle with how to apply God's Word to your life, read *Romans*, take a theology class offered by the church, take a Vineyard Bible Institute course, listen to CD resource on the Kingdom of God and/or check out www.vineyardusa.org website.

RECOMMENDED READING: *Breakthrough, This Beautiful Mess, Reading the Bible Book by Book, N.T. Wright's commentaries on books of the Bible, Turning Points.*



Maturing: Do you experience God by reading the Bible? Do you help others understand what the Bible says? Are you able to notice and explain the difference between kingdom theology and other popular Christian theologies (i.e. dispensationalism, prosperity gospel, etc.)?

NEXT STEPS: Be a Life Group leader, pursue a certificate in Vineyard Bible Institute, and/or subscribe to the blog:

www.notthereligioustype.org. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Surprised by Hope, Mosaic of Christian Belief, Exploring the New Testament, The Great Divorce, read articles and watch videos at www.ntwrightpage.com.*

PERSONAL

The “Personal” path of your journey is learning about who you are and maturing to become the person God designed you to be. Areas covered in this part of your journey are: Self-Awareness, Character, Management of Time & Money, and Physical Health.

Self-Awareness: The more that we know ourselves, the more success we can have on our journey of life. Knowing how God created you (your personality, skills, and passions) can help guide your decisions, improve your relationships, and help you be more accepting of other people who are different from you.



Investigating: Do you know what your personality type is (introvert/extrovert, structured/unstructured, etc.)? Do you know what your “love language” is?

NEXT STEPS: Take DISC test available at Info Center, Myers-Briggs test at www.humanmetrics.com, and/or listen to VCD SAINTS SERVE sermon series. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Strengthsfinder 2.0*, *The 5 Love Languages*



Committing: Do you know how to adapt your behavior to interact with others according to their personality styles? Are you using your unique personality, gifts, and experiences to participate in God’s mission?

NEXT STEPS: Attend a Life Group to begin relating to people, take a spiritual gifts test, read and apply DISC matrix, join a service team, and/or see “Missional” discipleship areas.



Maturing: Do you continue to grow in understanding yourself and others? Do you apply your knowledge of yourself and others to communicate more clearly, resolve conflicts, and lead others?

NEXT STEPS: Help others discover personality types and teach others how to interact with each other based on personality types.

PERSONAL

Character: The more we fall in love with Jesus, the more we want to be like Him. The ways that we speak, think, and behave are the fruit of the work that God has done in our lives.



Investigating: Are you interested in how following Jesus could change negative patterns of thought or behavior in your life?

NEXT STEPS: Read *Proverbs* in the Bible, listen to VCD weekly sermons for teaching on what Bible has to say about daily living, and/or watch *Les Miserables* movie.

RECOMMENDED READING: Read or watch “*The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*”, *In His Steps, Deadline*



Committing: Do you daily seek to follow Jesus and become more like Him?

NEXT STEPS: Read *James* and *Ephesians*, attend a Life Group for discussion and application of Bible to daily living, decide to develop a life based on Jesus’ values, regularly try to apply the Bible to life, watch movies such as *End of the Spear, Facing the Giants, Fireproof, Courageous*, and/or ask a close friend to help point out blind spots where you may be unaware of behavior that does not honor God.

RECOMMENDED READING: *After You Believe, The Man in the Mirror*



Maturing: Are you living a life of integrity, honesty, and vulnerability in all of life circumstances based on the example of Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Ask a close friend to help point out blind spots where you may be unaware of behavior that does not honor God. **RECOMMENDED READING:** Read biographies of famous Christians (i.e. *The Heavenly Man*)

PERSONAL

Management of Time and Money: There's nothing more practical about our spiritual journey than this- how do you spend the time and money that God has given you? Trusting God with your money and investing your time is a great place to grow in doing life Jesus' way.



Investigating: Do you feel like you are extremely busy all the time? Are you living paycheck to paycheck? Do you ever take a day to rest? Do you give to the church?

NEXT STEPS: Increase giving to church, prioritize and rearrange schedule to make Jesus a higher priority, and/or get material from the Financial Resources table.



Committing: Are you trying to get out of debt and save for the future? Do you give 10% of your gross income to the church? Do you arrange your schedule to make following Jesus a priority? Do you take a day of intentional "Sabbath" at least once per month?

NEXT STEPS: Take the Financial Peace University Growth Group, give sacrificially, take weekly Sabbath, and/or ask God to help you further prioritize schedule to what He wants you to do. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *The Treasure Principle, Sabbath, Total Money Makeover*



Maturing: Are you debt-free and have at least 3 months salary in an emergency fund? Do you give more than 10% of gross income to the church? Do you give to other charitable causes? Do you give sacrificially of time, money, and energy to invest in the Kingdom of God? Do you take weekly Sabbath to refresh and rest?

NEXT STEPS: Continue giving sacrificially of time and money, grow in listening to God's direction for how to invest your time, and/or help friends and family to experience time and financial freedom. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *"Money, Possessions, and Eternity", The 12 Week Year*

PERSONAL

Physical Health: What does your physical health have to do with following Jesus? Well, a lot. The way that we treat our bodies and take care of ourselves with proper rest, nutrition, and exercise plays a huge role in our quality of life and ability to maximize the life God has given us.



Investigating: Do you eat healthy foods? Do you get enough sleep? Are you free of addictions to alcohol, tobacco, or other substances?

NEXT STEPS: Reduce junk food, improve healthy diet, exercise more often, take health assessment at www.realage.com, watch *The Biggest Loser* tv show, and/or join an Activity Group.



Committing: Are you happy with your current weight? Do you exercise at least once per week? Do you get at least 7 hours of sleep per night? Do you perform recommended preventative health care? Do you understand how your physical health affects the rest of your life?

NEXT STEPS: Eat healthier, exercise more regularly, join an inexpensive gym, take a healthy cooking class, coordinate an Activity Group, and/or attend an addiction recovery program. RECOMMENDED READING: *Body by God, Winning My Race, Love Hunger, Jesus and Addiction*



Maturing: Have you reached your goal weight? Do you exercise for at least 30 minutes 3 times per week? Do you help others implement a more healthy lifestyle?

NEXT STEPS: Continue to grow in living healthy lifestyle, make a physically strenuous goal such as walking/running a 5k, Bix 7, half-marathon, marathon; bike RAGBRAI, complete a triathlon.

RELATIONAL

The “Relational” path of your journey is all about relating to others. Areas covered in this part of your journey are: Emotional Health, Family, the Church Community.

Emotional Health: God wants us healthy in every part of our lives. Anxiety, stress, depression, and addictions can be tough things to overcome on our spiritual journey. Don’t lose hope! Jesus can restore and redeem everything!



Investigating: Are you able to deal with stress, anxiety, fears and losses in a healthy way? Do you have a positive outlook on life? Do you handle your anger appropriately?

NEXT STEPS: Learn your DISC profile and study how to relate to others, listen to past VCD sermons on relationships, take an assessment of emotional health, and/or sign up for Soaking Prayer or Encouraging Words at the Info Center.



Committing: Do you strive to love others the way they would want to be loved? Do you regularly apply the teaching of Jesus to conflicts, forgiveness, gossip, loving difficult people, etc.? Have you worked through past losses in your life? Have you committed to doing life together with others in a Life Group?

NEXT STEPS: Receive professional counseling, grow in loving people like Jesus did, practice relating to others according to their personality style, maintain regular contact with your family of origin, learn to forgive quickly, and/or take the Restarting Growth Group. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Wild at Heart, Captivating, Boundaries- When to Say Yes and How to Say No, Emotionally Healthy Church, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*



Maturing: Have you experienced the benefits of applying the teaching of Jesus to relationships and continue pursuing growth in relationships? Do you model strong emotional health? Do you help others to become more emotionally healthy?

NEXT STEPS: Help others to experience emotional health. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *When Helping You is Hurting Me*

RELATIONAL

Family: Whether you're single or married, have kids or don't have kids, your family can play a big part of your life and be a great source of joy or frustration. God has lots of great tips on how to enjoy healthy family relationships!



Investigating: Are you interested in what Jesus has to say about relating to your family? Has following Jesus helped you improve relationships with your family?

NEXT STEPS: Consider how your patterns of relating to others compare to what Jesus teaches, receive mentoring from the Marriage Mentoring program, take a parenting class, and/or listen to past sermons on family relationships.



Committing: Do you apply the teachings of Jesus to your family relationships? Do you deal with conflicts and other family issues with a higher emphasis on biblical values than past cultural/family values? Are you content in your singleness and/or marriage?

NEXT STEPS: Attend a Life Group to discuss relationships and learn from others, if single– pursue appropriate relationships with people of same and opposite gender; if currently cohabitating- pursue marriage; serve in Vineyard Kids or youth ministry, cultivate intimacy with your spouse, help other people deal with family issues in a biblical way, integrate your faith into your family life, and/or pray with your family/spouse/children. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *How to Make Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours, 5 Love Languages*



Maturing: Do you demonstrate maturity and biblical values in relating to your family, including spouse, children, parents, siblings, and/or dating relationships? Do you help other people to experience the benefits of following Jesus in family relationships?

NEXT STEPS: Attend periodic parenting classes, become marriage mentors, work through conflicts with family of origin, and/or help other families integrate faith into family life. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Sheet Music*

RELATIONAL

The Church Community: There is a reason why our slogan is “Let’s Do Life... Together!” You’ll experience the greatest life change and grow the most when you are an active and committed member of a church. Of all the stuff on this guide to following Jesus, doing life together with other followers of Jesus could be the most important thing to help you experience long-term growth and success.



Investigating: Do you come to church more than once per month? Do you interact with people from church during the week?

NEXT STEPS: Come to church regularly and bring children/youth, join an Activity Group, Growth Group, Life Group and/or attend Vineyard Preview class.



Committing: Do you attend Sunday morning services at least 3 times per month? Are you a member of VCD? Do you attend a Life Group and have regular contact with others from church through the week? Do you invite others to do life with you?

NEXT STEPS: Invite others to do life together with you throughout the week, invite friends from within and outside the church to share a meal, invite others to share a recreational activity with you, volunteer to help with part of Life Group, call a Life Group member during the week with prayer needs, and/or coordinate an Activity Group.



Maturing: Do you have a high value and appreciation for the church? Do you rarely miss a Sunday morning service? Do you regularly invite others within the church to participate in church activities and grow in doing life together throughout the week? Do you place a proper value on spiritual and natural family? Do you honor the leadership of the church?

NEXT STEPS: Become a Life Group apprentice/leader, plant new Life Groups, lead a Growth Group, and/or become a Life Group coach. **RECOMMENED READING:** *I and II Corinthians, I and II Timothy, Irresistible Revolution*

MISSIONAL

The primary mark of following Jesus is to continue his mission of making disciples and teaching them to obey everything He commanded us to do (Matt. 28:18-20). So the “Missional” path of your journey is all about continuing the ministry of Jesus. Areas covered in this part of your journey are: Participating in Christ’s Causes, Serving Your Spiritual Family, and Telling Others about Jesus.

Participating in Christ’s Causes: Jesus came to heal the sick, love the poor, and set all kinds of captives free, and so we love to continue His ministry by bringing healing and hope to all kinds of people. Get involved in sharing God’s love and bringing his justice to a needy world!



Investigating: Are you involved in a cause outside the church? Have you ever attended a VCD outreach event?

NEXT STEPS: Participate in Community on a Mission Day, volunteer at King’s Harvest or Juan Diez Rancheros, and/or go on a mission trip to Mexico. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *The Outward Focused Life, Hope Lives, Saving God’s Green Earth, The Barbarian Way*



Committing: Do you regularly participate in a cause to show the love of Jesus to others? Do you look for opportunities in daily life to show the love of Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Regularly volunteer for an organization, listen to VCD Outflow sermon series, serve on the Prayer Response team, help organize “OUTFLOW” projects for your life group, ask a stranger if you can pray for them in response to a need that they share, and/or go on a mission trip to Mexico. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Outflow*



Maturing: Do you inspire and lead others to continue the ministry of Jesus outside the church? Do you regularly show the love of Jesus to others?

NEXT STEPS: Volunteer to coordinate a team for Community on a Mission Day, organize an “OUTFLOW” project for your life group, go the extra mile as a volunteer for an organization that you are passionate about, and/or go on a mission trip to Mexico. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Too Small to Ignore, When Helping Hurts, Doing Reconciliation DVD*

MISSIONAL

Serving Your Spiritual Family: We've found that the most effective way for people to encounter God is through our Sunday morning services, and it takes a whole bunch of people serving on diverse teams to create a welcoming and life changing environment. Everyone gets to play!



Investigating: Do you notice the people around you at church who are serving to make a good experience for you? Are you interested in joining a team to help with Sunday morning services?

NEXT STEPS: Listen to the VCD SAINTS SERVE sermon series, mark "I'm Interested in Getting on a Service Team" on the back of your connection card to join a service team, and/or watch service team video that describes the different teams.



Committing: Do you serve on a Sunday morning service team?

NEXT STEPS: Take initiative and look for other ways to serve the leaders of your team, and keep being faithful with the responsibilities you are given.



Maturing: Do you rearrange your schedule so that you can serve when it is your turn? Do you help lead or serve others who are on your service team (i.e. Head Usher, 1st Impressions Team Captain, VK Coach)?

NEXT STEPS: Continue faithfully serving and leading with the responsibilities given, continue to look for other ways that your gifts can be used to serve the church, and/or volunteer for additional opportunities to help.

MISSIONAL

Talking to Others about Jesus: You talk about what you love. So as we grow in following Jesus, we want to tell everyone we love about Him. It can be as simple as making a new friend while doing an activity you enjoy and then inviting them to church with you.



Investigating: Do you ever talk about church with your friends? Have you had a conversation about God with a friend?

NEXT STEPS: Keep growing in following Jesus and share what you are learning with your friends, invite friends and family to come to church and Vineyard events with you, take the Engage Growth Group, and/or participate in Community on a Mission Day. **RECOMMENDED READING:** The books of *John* and *Acts* in the Bible



Committing: Do you regularly invite friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to church to experience Jesus? Do you intentionally ask questions to encourage deeper conversations about Jesus?

NEXT STEPS: Continue building friendships with people outside the church, and/or learn how to ask deep questions that help people begin thinking about God. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *Outflow, The Outward Focused Life, Irresistible Evangelism, Power Evangelism, Evangelism Outside the Box*



Maturing: Do you regularly see people outside of the church come to know Jesus because of your influence in their lives? Do you inspire and encourage others to invite friends to church and/or talk about Jesus with their friends?

NEXT STEPS: Bring someone along so they can see how you interact with people, keep inviting people to know Jesus, continuing a growing relationship with Jesus so you are passionate about Him and have fresh stories of what He is doing in your life, develop your ability to relate to people you naturally connect with, and also people who are different than you, and/or watch videos at www.carlmadearis.com/freestuff. **RECOMMENDED READING:** *After You Believe, Not the Religious Type*

LETS DO LIFE... TOGETHER!

At the Vineyard Church of Davenport, that's not only our slogan, but an invitation. You are invited to do life together with Jesus, and with us. The journey of life is not meant to be traveled alone, and you'll experience the greatest growth in life if you join others who will help to encourage you, challenge you, and inspire you to go much farther than you ever dreamed you could on your own.

So the best piece of advice we can give to help you on your journey of life is to join a Life Group. In our Life Groups, we meet three times a month to worship, talk about the latest Sunday message, and pray for each other about whatever is going on in life. In a Life Group, you can find people who are at the same place as you on your journey, and also some who are a step ahead who can help show you the way. We have fun, we share life, and we follow Jesus, together!

To try out a Life Group, you can go to www.davenportvineyard.org/get-involved. Find a day of the week that works for you, and look at some biographies about our current Life Group leaders. Then give them a call or email to find out where the group will be meeting next month. If you would like help finding a Life Group that would be a good fit for you, email Associate Pastor Troy Hythecker at: troy@davenportvineyard.org or call 563-322-3970.

For any questions about this discipleship map, or how to take the next step on your journey of following Jesus, you can talk to a friend, a Life Group leader, or call the church office at 563-322-3970.

May you experience Jesus along your journey of doing life together with Him and with us!

Jesus said, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life."

- John 14:6 (MSG)



LIST OF RECOMMENDED BOOKS WITH AUTHORS

(usually available in VCD Bookstore)

<i>3 Colors of Ministry</i>	Christian Schwarz
<i>A Long Obedience in the Same Direction</i>	Eugene Peterson
<i>After You Believe</i>	N.T. Wright
<i>Body by God</i>	Ben Lerner
<i>Boundaries- When to Say Yes</i>	John Townsend & Henry Cloud
<i>Breakthrough</i>	Derek Morpew
<i>Captivating</i>	John & Stasi Eldridge
<i>Celebration of Disciplines</i>	Richard Foster
<i>Deadline</i>	Randy Alcorn
<i>Doing Healing</i>	Alexander Venter
<i>Eli</i>	Bill Myers
<i>Emotionally Healthy Church</i>	Peter Scazzero
<i>Emotionally Healthy Spirituality</i>	Peter Scazzero
<i>Empowered Evangelicals</i>	Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson
<i>Evangelism Outside the Box</i>	Rick Richardson
<i>Exploring the New Testament (Vol. I)</i>	Dr. Steve Walton
<i>Exploring the New Testament (Vol. II)</i>	I. Howard Marshall
<i>Fasting for Spiritual Breakthrough</i>	Elmer Towns
<i>Hope Lives</i>	Amber Van Schooveld
<i>How to Make Your Children Mind without Losing Yours</i>	Kevin Leman
<i>In His Steps</i>	Charles Sheldon
<i>Irresistable Evangelism</i>	Steve Sjogren
<i>Irresistable Revolution</i>	Shane Claiborne
<i>Jesus and Addiction</i>	Don Williams
<i>Jesus Brand Spirituality</i>	Ken Wilson
<i>Love Hunger</i>	Frank Minirth
<i>Mere Christianity</i>	C.S. Lewis
<i>Money, Possessions, and Eternity</i>	Randy Alcorn
<i>Mosaic of Christian Belief</i>	Roger Olson
<i>N.T. Wright's "Bible for Everyone" series</i>	N.T. Wright
<i>Naturally Supernatural</i>	Gary Best
<i>Not the Religious Type</i>	Dave Schmelzer
<i>Outflow</i>	Steve Sjogren
<i>Passport</i>	Tim Davidson

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<i>Power Evangelism</i>	John Wimber
<i>Power Healing</i>	John Wimber
<i>Reading the Bible Book by Book</i>	Gordon Fee
<i>Sabbath</i>	Wayne Muller
<i>Saving God's Green Earth</i>	Tri Robinson
<i>Sheet Music</i>	Kevin Leman
<i>Simply Jesus</i>	N.T. Wright
<i>Start Here</i>	Don Williams
<i>Strengthsfinder 2.0</i>	Tom Rath
<i>Surprised by Hope</i>	N.T. Wright
<i>Surprised by the Power of the Spirit</i>	Jack Deere
<i>The 12 Week Year</i>	Brian Moran
<i>The 5 Love Languages</i>	Gary Chapman
<i>The Barbarian Way</i>	Erwin McManus
<i>The Great Divorce</i>	C.S. Lewis
<i>The Heavenly Man</i>	Paul Hattaway & Brother Yun
<i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i>	John Ortberg
<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>	C.S. Lewis
<i>The Man in the Mirror</i>	Patrick Morley
<i>The Outward Focused Life</i>	Dave Workman
<i>The Shack</i>	William Young
<i>The Spirit of the Disciplines</i>	Dallas Willard
<i>The Treasure Principle</i>	Randy Alcorn
<i>This Beautiful Mess</i>	Rick McKinley
<i>Too Small to Ignore</i>	Wes Stafford
<i>Total Money Makeover</i>	Dave Ramsey
<i>Turning Points</i>	Mark Noll
<i>What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?</i>	Martin Thielen
<i>When Helping Hurts</i>	Steve Corbett
<i>When Helping You is Hurting Me</i>	Carmen Renee Berry
<i>Wild at Heart</i>	John Eldridge
<i>Winning My Race</i>	Ben Lerner