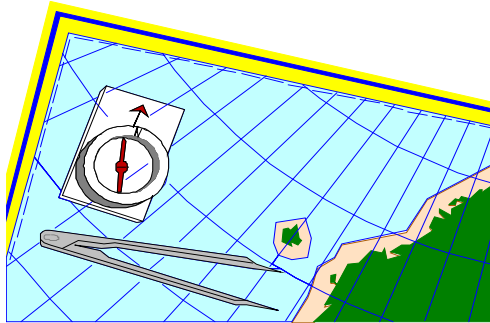




Spiritual Growth Map



Setting the Course For Your Life!

The LIFEhouse Church
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LIFEgroup Spiritual Growth Tools



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LifeGroup Covenant:

- ✓ [LIFEGroup Covenant - PDF](#)

Base Camp I – Discovery

Authentic Faith (four weeks combined in one booklet) [PDF](#) [DOC](#) [DOCX](#)

- ✓ [Knowing Jesus As Lord - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Experiencing God's Forgiveness - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Experiencing God's Power - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Experiencing God's Love - PDF](#)

Base Camp II – Values

- ✓ [Climbing Essentials - 2 Weeks - PDF*](#)
- ✓ [Spiritual Maturity - FAT - 5 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Little Communities in the Kingdom of God - 5 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Jesus, Teach Us to Pray - 5 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ [God's Design for His Church – Spiritual Gifts - 2 Weeks - PDF](#)
 - [Spiritual Gifts Survey - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Seeking God's Heart for Prayer - 4 Weeks - PDF](#)

Base Camp III – Impact

- ✓ [Doing Battle in the Heavens - 4 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ [God's Heart for His Church 1 - 3 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ [God's Heart for His Church 2 - 4 Weeks - PDF](#)
- ✓ 10 commitments curriculum - [Doc](#) (ten weeks)
- ✓ [Lighthouse of Prayer Guide - Prayer Evangelism - 1 Week - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Lighthouse of Prayer - Quick Guide - PDF](#)
- ✓ [Freedom in Christ Bookmark PDF](#)
- ☞ [Starting New Ministries PDF](#) Key questions for launching a new ministry.
- ☞ [Life Together DVD curriculum](#) Brett Eastman
- ☞ [Top Gun Men's Leadership curriculum](#) Steve Sonderman

LIFEhouse New Guest Assimilation:

- ❖ **Third Time Guest Reception (Free dessert with the Pastor)**
- ❖ **Foundations of Faith Class (8 week rotating midweek class)**
- ❖ **Baptism Class (1 hour)**
- ❖ **New Member Class (Sundays 3-6pm - Monthly)**
- ❖ **LIFEgroup (small group)**
- ❖ **New Member Reception (Sundays – 7pm Monthly)**
- ❖ **Serving in a ministry**

Active in a mentoring ministry

Welcome To Your Spiritual Journey!

This booklet is like a road map. It will guide you on your journey as you learn to become a servant in the Kingdom of God. You will learn where you are today in your walk with the Lord and what steps you can take to grow toward spiritual maturity.

There are no right and wrong answers to these questions. They are designed to help you see what further preparation you need to be an effective minister. Be honest with yourself as you answer these questions. Determining how to get to where you would like to go requires that you clearly understand where you stand today.

If you were traveling on an interstate freeway and pulled into a rest stop, it would be common for you to check the map, looking for the "you are here" arrow in order to know exactly how much further you have to your final destination. This "Spiritual Growth Map" is designed show where you are on the road to spiritual maturity in Christ.

Don't be afraid to evaluate your past Christian growth as you work through the material. Answer each question without worrying about whether it might put you in a "bad light" in someone's eyes. The person reviewing your responses with you will be fully committed to helping you grow in Christ. Before the first step is made in any extended journey, a wise traveler must know the current location and then obtain proper bearings for the best and shortest route.

Thoughtfully review each question, but don't stress about the way you should respond to the question! Read and answer them quickly, putting down your first impressions. It is just a snapshot of your present spiritual background.

After you have finished this guide, your LIFEGroup Leader will arrange a meeting with you to discuss insights about yourself; things you discover as you complete the materials. During this private time of sharing, recommendations will be offered to help you take the next step in your walk of faith. At The LIFEhouse we are committed to helping one another grow spiritually for life.

[Are you ready? Let us begin...](#)

ABOUT YOUR PAST...

When did God become more than just a name to you?



Your previous exposure to Christianity:

- None, this is all new to me.
- Previously attended church, but did not believe.
- Have never found a church I felt comfortable with.
- Have grown complacent in my spiritual life and haven't been attending.
- Faithfully participated in the life of a church.

The following members of your family are Christian:

- None.
- I am the first one.
- My Mother.
- My Father.
- Brother(s) or sister(s):
- Other: _____

Your parents:

- Don't belong to a church.
 - Have professed faith in Jesus Christ.
 - Belong to a church, but seldom attend.
 - Belong to a church and attend faithfully.
 - Don't discuss their beliefs with you.
 - Other: _____
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If you are working, how long have you worked? _____ years

As you look back, which job did you enjoy the most? _____

What religious groups have you followed in the past?

Write down your past religious or supernatural experiences:

List two or three people who have significantly influenced your life (why):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you are a Christ follower, please answer the following questions (otherwise skip to page 8):

How long have you been a Christian?

- Less than six months.
- Less than one year.
- Less than two years.
- Less than five years.
- Other: _____

Why did you become a Christian?

- Influenced by family member(s).
- Influenced by friends.
- Influenced by respected person (teacher, etc.).
- Through preaching or reading Christian literature
- God revealed His presence to me personally.
- Other: _____

Have you ever been baptized?

When?

If so, describe the method (dipped, sprinkled, etc.)

Was your conversion experience:

- Dramatic.
- Quiet.
- Vague.
- Often doubted.
- Other: _____

How do you share your faith with others?

- Naturally, with freedom.
- With hesitation.
- Rarely.
- Out of a guilty compulsion.
- Don't know how.
- Other: _____

Were You A Christian Before Attending Our Church?

Previous Christian training you have completed:

- A New Believer's Course.
- A Basic Discipleship Course.
- A Course on Spiritual Gifts.
- An Evangelism Course.
- Other: _____

Previous Christian service you have performed:

- Choir/Pianist/Congregational song leader.
- Sunday School Teacher/Staff.
- Elder/Deacon/Department Head.
- Youth Worker.
- List others below: _____
- _____
- _____

What has been your previous attendance in church life?

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Worship: | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School: | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Meetings: | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Meetings: | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular |

List or explain others below: _____

What are the three most unforgettable blessings or lessons you have received from God in your life?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Bible Knowledge Background:

I have:

- read through the entire New Testament
- read through the entire Old Testament
- memorized Scripture: # of verses: _____
- read commentaries for better understanding
- obtained and use a concordance to cross reference Scripture
- purchased and used a Bible Dictionary
- traveled to the Holy Land
- a computer Bible program
- taken a Greek language class
- taken a Hebrew language class
- studied Biblical History
- been involved in an organized discipleship group
- disciplined another person to maturity in Christ
- experience on the mission field: Where: _____
- complete understanding of the Book of Revelation
- taken Bible classes in Bible College or Seminary
- memorized the books of the Bible
- memorized John 3:16
- memorized my personal phone number
- memorized the three numbers to dial in an emergency

I would love to learn more about: _____

How Would You Characterize Your Life?

Write a "T" for true, "M" for most of the time, and "N" for not true:

- ___ I look back on my past life with gratefulness and contentment.
- ___ My values are a mixture of those picked up from the world and those which are truly Christian.
- ___ If I had my life to live again, I would like to change my past.
- ___ I have been committed to Christ's Lordship for some time, and have a desire to fully obey Him.
- ___ I feel life is precious. I am doing my best to live it to the full.
- ___ I have a good understanding about Spiritual Gifts.
- ___ I relate well to other people, including my family and friends.
- ___ I have no problem resolving conflicts with others.
- ___ I usually reserve time each day to read my Bible and pray.
- ___ I build intimate relationships, receiving and giving love.
- ___ I am ready to learn about the Bible in depth.
- ___ I often feel I am not being loved or am unimportant to others.
- ___ I am generally transparent, not afraid to let others know me.
- ___ I naturally share my faith when it's appropriate.
- ___ In the area of money, I am a contented person. Whether I have much or little, I have learned to be content with what I have.
- ___ I want to learn to share my faith with my friends and family.
- ___ I find more pleasure in giving than in receiving.
- ___ After my conversion, I was grounded in my faith.
- ___ I have prayed with several people, helping them accept Christ.
- ___ For the past several months, I have been unconcerned about my spiritual life and ministry.
- ___ I would like to be involved in bringing totally un-churched people to Jesus Christ.
- ___ I have never been disciplined by another Christian.

Look over the five activities below, ranking them from 1 to 5. Write "1" beside your first preference, "2" beside your second, etc.

- _____ Helping other people with their problems.
- _____ Going to a party with lots of food and friends.
- _____ Working on a computer or making something with my hands.
- _____ Playing competitive sports.
- _____ Enjoying music or playing an instrument.

Did your preference not appear above? Write it below:

How Do You Learn?

I read a great deal. Books are important to me when I want to learn.

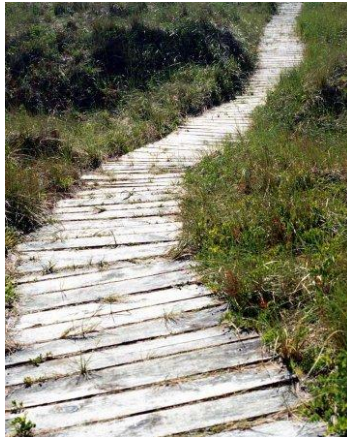
I seldom read anything.

I learn by doing, watching and being involved in things.

I often listen to cassette tapes. This is part of my lifestyle.

I like to find someone who knows what I want to know. I will get involved with such a person and develop skills.

I don't have any special pattern for learning. It is not a strength in my life.



Small Group Life Is Important To You!

While many people believe that everything we learn must come from reading books or listening to lectures, most of what we learn in life is caught, not taught. Most of us learn by observing others and then doing it ourselves. The disciples learned from Jesus this way. Learning by watching others and imitating them is called modeling. Reflect on your own life and how others have influenced you with their example. Have you ever listed the people you have used as a pattern for your own lifestyle? Write the names of two people who have filled this special role for you:

1. _____

2. _____

The art of relating to others is not learned from reading books. To learn how to relate, we must watch others relate. Books can give us information about relationships, but we must observe people who are doing what the books talk about!

We need Godly models to help us establish habits and values that reflect what we believe. We enter the family of God at the moment we asked Christ to take His rightful throne in our hearts. We have spiritual parents, brothers and sisters who help us learn to live in Christian community. We need relationships with people we can identify with and whose actions we can imitate.

The small group provides the best opportunity for understanding what it really means to be a Christian. We are able to hear personal stories of faith and trust as we share our unique trials and ministry opportunities. We model for one another what it means to honor Christ in all things. Perhaps your participation in a small group will be the very first time in your life that you experience true biblical community in the family of God.

We learn community by participating in it and not by just observing. Learn to give love as well as receive it. Learn to be sensitive to others. For example, avoid dominating a small group discussion. This chokes off sharing by other small group members. Prepare yourself beforehand by listening to God so that you can build up others who need your

affirmation. Enter into the experience with all your heart! There will be more mature Christians you can select as good patterns for your own life. In time, you will become a model to those who are younger than you in Christ.

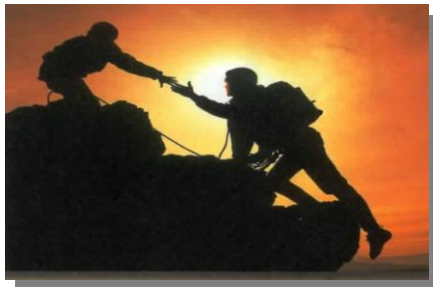
"I Can't Do It All Alone"

Every LIFEGroup member should become a part of a living chain of people who love and build up one another. Being helped, and being a helper - this is the pattern of the New Testament Church. Each of us needs a special person that can give us accountability, encouragement, and challenge us during the week.

As a new LIFEGroup member, you will learn much about your walk with Christ over the next few months. You will encounter many changes that will prove exciting. This growth in Christ will depend on your being attached to someone in your small group who has taken three or four steps ahead of you. This person, called an "Accountability Partner" (Soul Brother or Soul Sister), will show you the next step as you journey toward maturity.

Your LIFEGroup Leader will be responsible for linking you with your "Partner". Together you will develop a relationship by growing through daily struggles and bearing each other's burdens. Seek your small group leader's guidance to discover the person with whom you can meet each week.

Keep in touch with your "Partner". Meet together weekly. In addition, as special needs arise you will find yourselves spending hours together, as good friends do. Your time together will also include fun and laughter. Although your LIFEGroup Leader will always be available to you, your primary helper will be your own "Partner".



As new Christians enter the LIFEGroup, they will also need an Accountability Partner. When you are ready, your LIFEGroup Leader will ask you to be a "Partner". Do not overlook this opportunity to put into practice what you have learned as a member of the group!

You will find that these "people links" throughout the week enhance the weekly LIFEGroup meeting. As the group grows and multiplies, usually in nine to twelve months, you will develop new relationships and new friends. But you will always consider the old friendships special!

