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# NEXT STEPS

TO MOVE YOU FORWARD IN YOUR FAITH

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU TODAY!

This is the most important decision you will ever make, and we want to celebrate with you. NewLife Church is here for you, and we are excited about what God is doing in your life. Use the following steps to keep you moving forward in your relationship with Christ.

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## KEEP YOUR MOMENTUM



It's so important you keep coming back regularly. There's nothing greater than a local community of believers worshipping together in God's church!

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## READ YOUR BIBLE



The Bible is the living word of God. Read it daily to gain wisdom and strength. Attached is a Getting Started Guide. If you don't have a Bible, please visit the Welcome Center.

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## GET BAPTIZED



Being baptized in water is one of the first steps you take in following Jesus. It's an outward picture of what God has done on the inside. For more information, visit the Welcome Center, or sign up at [gotnlc.com/get-baptized](http://gotnlc.com/get-baptized)

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## GET INVOLVED



It's important to surround yourself with people that will contribute to your growing relationship with Christ. There are two easy ways to do just that at NewLife:

**1. JOIN A SMALL GROUP:** Our small groups meet throughout the week based on common interest, location, or season of life. Stop by the Welcome Center to get connected to a small group that best fits you and your family, or visit [gotnlc.com/lifegroups](http://gotnlc.com/lifegroups)

**2: JOIN A TEAM:** Signing up for GreenLight gives you the opportunity to find out more about our culture and how you can be utilized by God, here at NewLife. Stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby, or sign up for GreenLight at [gotnlc.com/greenlight](http://gotnlc.com/greenlight)

# GETTING STARTED

What you'll find here is a sample of great scriptures. Of course, this is not the only good stuff in the Bible -- it's all awesome and it's all inspired by God. But these are just a few solid passages to get you started. They are not necessarily in any order. However, since the book of John centers around the life of Jesus, it's a good place to start.



## THE BOOK OF JOHN

Words like, *believe*, *love*, *truth*, *eternal* and *grace* are used more in this book than in the other 3 gospels combined. It's definitely a great place to start!



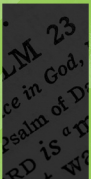
## GENESIS 37-50

This is the account of Joseph's life. It's a really meaningful exercise to trace God's activity in the life of Joseph.



## JOSHUA 1-6

An amazing section in scripture dealing with faith!



## PROVERBS

Sometimes reading a proverb that goes along with the calendar helps keep you in rhythm. For example, on July 8, read Proverbs 8. It's very practical and it's a great place to start when you feel stuck in your Bible reading.



## OTHER NOTABLE SCRIPTURES:

Romans 8, Philippians 3-4, James 1-2, 1 John 1

Hopefully, this will get you started in God's word. Please remember, we're cheering you on! So congratulations once again on your decision you've made to follow Christ!

# FAQs

You may have asked yourself in the past, "Why do Christians act the way they do? Why do they believe this?" Or, why do they get excited about certain things?" Hopefully, these answers to some Frequently Asked Questions will help you in your understanding.



## WHAT IS PRAYER + HOW DO I PRAY?

Simply put, prayer is a personal conversation with God. God knows your heart; talk to Him as if He were physically sitting in the room with you. Check out *Matthew 6:6-8*.



## HOW DO I HEAR GOD TALKING TO ME?

Learning to hear God's voice is a lifelong process. God can speak to you in the everyday things in your life. It could be asking you to stop a certain habit, begin a new habit, give something away (like tithing), or to trust Him with your situation. If you think you're hearing from God, look for confirmation through prayer, the Bible, and your community.



## WHY GOD DOESN'T GOD TAKE AWAY PAIN?

Someday God might, but more often He puts us in a place where we must lean into Him for support and guidance. Often our pain forces us closer to God, and He provides power and strength to push through any circumstance.



## SHOULD I GET BAPTIZED?

Yes. Baptism signifies what has already happened to us spiritually. Our old identity as a sinner is gone, and we rise with a new identity in Christ. It's an outward expression of an inward change.



## WHY DO I KEEP STUMBLING IN MY FAITH?

Following Jesus doesn't mean that you automatically begin to behave perfectly. Becoming like Jesus is a lifelong journey. This is one of the reasons we strongly believe in community provided by our Life Groups and Volunteer Teams. There you will find support & encouragement to keep moving forward.