

1 Peter 1:3-9

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Matthew 7:24-27

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

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weekends *attend weekend services consistently*
come expectantly; invite someone else to attend church
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

baptism *public profession of your belief in and commitment to Jesus Christ*
be baptized and make some waves; help someone else take the next step of baptism
Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. —ACTS 2|38

daily encounter *setting aside time each day to spend with God*
begin a Bible reading plan; have someone keep you accountable to having a daily encounter time
Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. —MARK 1|35b

next step groups *topical groups that focus on faith, family, and finances*
connect with a larger group; join a rooted group
So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. —COLOSSIANS 2|6-8

small groups *the best way to get connected in real community*
Prioritize community in your schedule; help meet the needs of someone in your small group; invite someone else to your small group
Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. —ECCLESIASTES 2|9-10

coaching groups *a group of 2 to 5 people meeting to identify and encourage specific next steps*
find a coach (someone a few steps ahead of you); commit to being coached for a specific amount of time; determine a regular meeting schedule
Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. —1 CORINTHIANS 11|1

team *using your gifts to serve the Church*
identify how God has created you to serve; find a team to serve on; fill out a connect card and turn it in; reach out to the teams pastor at your campus for help
...he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. —HEBREWS 6|10a

tithe *giving generously, because God asked us to*
download the Gyve app; commit to tithe; choose a way to increase your generosity beyond the tithe
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 CORINTHIANS 9|6-7

go-be *being the Church where we live, work, and play*
take LeadOut; share your faith story with someone; meet a need of someone outside the church
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? —ROMANS 10|13-15