

# Welcome to New Life !

We are very pleased you are here. It is an honor to have you worshipping with us today! This information is provided to help you feel welcome and "at home."

## Worship in Singing & Giving

- We leave how to worship up to you as an individual. During **singing** worship some people remain seated, some stand, others kneel, many clap, and some lift their hands. The outward expression is not the issue - it is what is in your heart that counts. Just relax and enjoy the presence of God.
- If you would like to receive personal **prayer** during worship with singing, you may go to one of the Prayer Teams located at the back of the sanctuary.
- Invitation is given for **tithes and offerings**. If you are our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute when God's tithes and offerings are received.

## Worship in Sharing God's Love

Expressions of greeting and God's love are extended to all, especially to our guests.

## Worship in Meditating on God's Word

Teaching from the Bible for about 35 minutes.

We encourage you to use our **staffed Nursery** [which has a private nursing room] and **Children's Churches** during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the various rooms.

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## GPS

### God's Positioning System

- There is nothing worse than being lost and not knowing where you are.
- It's possible to get lost in your spiritual life and not even know it for awhile.

Some examples:

**Mark 10:17-22** - Jesus helping the young rich ruler to see his actual spiritual condition, which was different than he originally thought.

**Luke 9:57-62** - Jesus to those who said they were ready to follow.

**John 3** - Jesus with Nicodemus, a religious teacher of Israel. He thought he had it all figured out, but Jesus showed him where he really was spiritually.

- How can we lead others when we have not been honest enough to know where we are first?

**Luke 6:39 NIV** "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

### 1. WHAT ARE MY COORDINATES?

- In our spiritual journey, we all have a destination. Where are you along the route?
- It must be identified along with the direction of your current course.
- One of three responses when people are asked to assess their spiritual coordinates:
  - I am fine right where I am
  - I am falling apart
  - There is always room for growth

**Proverbs 4:25-27 CEV** "Keep looking straight ahead, without turning aside. Know where you are headed, and you will stay on solid ground. Don't make a mistake by turning to the right or the left."

- Take time to look straight at your spiritual condition.

- Without your current coordinates, how can you know which way to go?

- If you ever take your eyes off the journey God has for you, you instantly stall.

### What is the Discovery Tool?

Take the appropriate steps to keep growing

## 2. HOW TO NAVIGATE OTHERS

- Know where you are
- Earn the right to be heard
- Gently lead at the pace of God's Spirit (do not get ahead!)

### - HOW TO USE THE "DISCOVERY TOOL" -

- Look for opportunities/open doors in spiritual conversations.
- Bring it out at the right time ... ask *"Would it help you if I could show you where your relationship with God is right now?"*
- Ask them to identify themselves in one of the four boxes.
- Ask ... Why would you define yourself by that box?
- Flip it over and have them read the TOP CATALYSTS that describe the box they identified with most.
- Ask ... Are these characteristics currently alive in you?
- Double-check to make sure they still identify with the same box.
- The transition statement should be read and also identified as truth for their lives.

## 3. HOW TO GROW TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- What if the person says that they are an "Explorer"? 2 questions ...
- Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in Heaven? Why?
- If God were to ask you, "Why should I let you into My Heaven?" -- what would you say?

### WE HAVE BEEN DEFINING LIFE-COACHING

**Luke 6:40 NIV** "A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."

## Digging Deeper

For personal or small group study

Week of February 15, 2009

*There is nothing worse than being lost and not knowing where you are.*

How grateful are you that GPS -- Global Positioning System -- has become available in cars and so many other areas for use? In life we need a clear signal from God so we can discover our position and place in our spiritual journey. Until we find out where we are, we will never be able to get where God wants us to go. We will always feel lost.

### GROUP DISCUSSION or PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. When was the last time you became lost while driving? What happened? Did you stop for directions? What is your usual response when feeling lost, whether on the highway or in circumstances of your life? Where do you turn for directions?
2. Read Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 9:57-62. How would you describe how well these people in these situations truly knew where they were spiritually? How did Jesus help them? How did they respond?
3. In our spiritual journey, we all have a destination. Where are you along the route? If your relationship with God was like a map, where would you be? We must be honest with ourselves and discover our spiritual condition. It must be identified along with the direction of our current spiritual course. By using the "**discovery tool**" entitled *"Where am I in my spiritual journey with Christ?"* identify where you are. Now discuss the transitions and catalysts and how they will help you move to the next stage.
4. The goal of every believer should be to help others identify and navigate their spiritual lives closer to the heart of God. Why do we first need to earn the right to be heard by them? How do we earn this right, and how do we then implement it? [Luke 6:39-40; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Timothy 1:5-6]

**Team up with someone and take time to practice using the Discovery Tool by helping someone identify where they are and how to move forward to the next spiritual growth stage. [Take turns role-playing with a friend]**