



WITNESSING . . .

The Holy Spirit works through the Word to empower us to share Jesus' story through what we do and say as disciples who make disciples.

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching, the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

Romans 12:6-8

Opportunities

Know

- ◇ Start or continue daily Bible reading using resources such as Bible In One Year (BiOY) - Alpha or The Bible Project, as well as devotions and prayer.
- ◇ Worship weekly.
- ◇ Help others grow and develop while serving as a leader, coach, or teacher through Nazareth.

Grow

- ◇ Impact those around you as a fully committed follower of Jesus tithing your time, talents, and treasures to grow the Kingdom of God and get involved in a place where you can passionately share the love of Christ with others in your neighborhood, in the church, and in the larger world.

Make Known

- ◇ Utilize your passion for Christ and his Church by serving in advanced leadership opportunities at Nazareth and in the larger Church.
- ◇ Teach a Bible Class or lead a small group.
- ◇ Lead a Real-Life Discipleship Class.
- ◇ Lead a ministry at Nazareth or in the community.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to those who believed Him, "If you abide in my Word, you are my disciples indeed."

John 8:31

To learn more...

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The Naz Next Steps Path . . .

Jesus met people where they were and as they were. He invited his first followers (disciples) and has invited every subsequent disciple to "Come and see" (John 1:39-41) to "Follow me" (Luke 5:1-11). Jesus invites us in the same way today.

At Nazareth we are "Living together in God's amazing grace," and "we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known."

The **Naz Next Steps Path** intends to reach and engage people in an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus and incorporate them into the Body of Christ here at Nazareth. It will help you to:

- ◇ Come to know Christ and grow in Christ with your identity rooted in Him.
- ◇ Acquire the essential knowledge, skills and spiritual maturity to have a joyful and high-impact life, making Christ known to others in loving response to your own experience of God's grace.

Your Journey . . .

Each person is at a different place (or step) in his or her discipleship journey – *SEEKING, BELIEVING, FOLLOWING, or WITNESSING*. You might even find yourself in more than one of these places at a time! At each of these steps there will be multiple opportunities in community with other Christians to enable you in a variety of ways to know Christ better, grow deeper in your relationship with Him, and to make Christ known through what you do and say.

Please use this as a helpful resource – not as a step-by-step list of things you must do – but as a guide for taking *YOUR* next step toward a more intimate relationship with Christ and his Church in response to the amazing love and grace of God you are already experiencing. Remember, everyone’s Christian journey is unique and develops in its own way.

**Wherever you are
in your journey,
we would like to
walk alongside you.**

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SEEKING . . .

The Holy Spirit works through the Word to move us to say “yes” to Christ.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,

I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

Revelation 3:20

Opportunities

Know

- ◇ Worship weekly.

Grow

- ◇ Take the Alpha Course; join a weekly Bible Study group; begin a daily discipline of Bible reading, devotions and prayer (contact the church office or a staff member for suggestions).

BELIEVING . . .

The Holy Spirit works through the Word to reveal our true selves and calling.

***“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved..”***

Romans 10:9

Opportunities

Know

- ◇ Start or continue daily Bible reading (using resources such as Bible In One Year BiOY - Alpha or The Bible Project), as well as devotions and prayer.
- ◇ Worship weekly.
- ◇ Join a small group (Fall, Lent, sermon based or other).

Grow

- ◇ Take the Belong Class (New Member Orientation that includes a Strengthfinder’s assessment and spiritual gift inventory).
- ◇ Enroll in a Post-Alpha Class - *The Good and Beautiful God*, The Alpha Prayer Course, or any of our many Discipleship U classes.

Make Known

- ◇ Share your newfound faith or renewed faith with a family member or friend.
- ◇ Let a Nazareth member or staff member know of your newfound or renewed faith in Jesus.
- ◇ Volunteer for one of many ministries at Nazareth or with one of our many mission partners or with a community service organization.
- ◇ Join the Nazareth Prayer Chain.

FOLLOWING . . .

The Holy Spirit works through the Word to shape us into the image of Christ and help us live out our calling to make disciples.

***“Come, follow me, and
I will make you fishers of men.”***

Matthew 4:19

Opportunities

Know

- ◇ Start or continue daily Bible reading (using resources such as Bible In One Year BiOY - Alpha or The Bible Project), as well as devotions and prayer.
- ◇ Worship weekly.
- ◇ Get involved in one of the various ministry teams or in the community – Love INC, House of Hope, Salvation Army, Alternatives, Habitat for Humanity, House of Hope, Job Foundation, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, etc.)

Grow

- ◇ Take a Discipleship U class.
- ◇ Participate in Bible Study Fellowship, Perspectives, the annual Global Leadership Summit and various retreats.
- ◇ Participate in a discipleship emphasis small group.
- ◇ Discover emotionally healthy spirituality through an enneagram assessment and spiritual mentoring.

Make Known

- ◇ Help lead an Alpha group (table host) or share in teaching a Bible class.
- ◇ Volunteer on a Nazareth ministry team or with one of our local or global mission partners.
- ◇ Consider personal missionary support through prayer, personal encouragement and financial support.