

Taking It Home:

Whether you already have a relationship with Jesus Christ or are still exploring, you are on a spiritual journey. The pathway on the other page will help you see where you are and identify next steps.

Exploring

You are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ, but do not consider yourself to have a relationship with him. You are exploring what Christians believe, what the Bible has to say, and searching for answers to important life issues.

The Cross

This is the turning point of your journey. You believe Jesus is God's son and that his life, death and resurrection paid the penalty for your sin. You are now secure in an eternal relationship with Christ.

Beginning

You have begun a new life in Jesus, but you may still have plenty of questions and even some confusion about what it means to follow him. God, through his spirit living in you, is giving you a growing desire to know him and be like Christ.

Growing

You have a growing realization of God's unconditional love for you. As you get to know him through spiritual habits like prayer and the study of God's word, you are moved to greater obedience. You are actively involved in community with other Christ followers and serving others using your talents, gifts and abilities.

Multiplying

You are intentionally making disciples who make disciples. You desire to see everyone have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, and motivated by his love, you are investing your life into those who already know him and those who don't.

What are some practical things you can do to take the next step in your spiritual journey?

The Twelve Apostles

Notes:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 21, 2013

Mark 3:13-21

Quick Review: Last week's message addressed the crowds that pressed in around Jesus. This week, Mark's attention turns from the crowds to the team of twelve Jesus will pour into, that is, the Apostles. This diverse group of men forms the building blocks upon which Jesus builds His Kingdom movement. He transforms this band of misfits into a power-filled force of World changers.

My Story:

Describe a team you have been on or worked with that effectively accomplished its purpose.

Describe a time when a team you were part of encountered a great deal of conflict or failed to accomplish its goals.

Which of the following characteristics do you think are important for leadership?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Integrity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Popular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wealth | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Team Player | |

Imagine Jesus came back to earth and asked for your help to choose 12 modern-day disciples. Who would you recommend to Jesus to put on his list?

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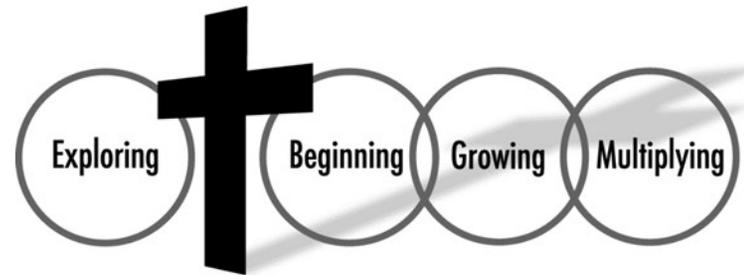
Growing Deeper:

Read Mark 3:13-14

According to this passage, which of the following purposes did Jesus have in mind for those he called?

- To brainstorm a strategic plan for evangelizing the world.
- To demonstrate their spiritual superiority to the multitudes.
- To be with Jesus, Himself.
- To send them out.
- To remain at the retreat center on the mountain to enjoy the view.

At Bethel, we have pictured steps in your spiritual journey using this image:



Read the verses below and identify where the disciples were at in their spiritual journey (e.g., exploring, beginning, growing, or multiplying):

- John 1:35-39
- John 1:44-46
- Mark 1:16-20
- Luke 5:11
- Matthew 9:9
- Mark 3:13-19
- Acts 2:37-38
- Acts 8:30-31