

New Believer Q & A

Just asked Jesus into my heart!! Now what should I do??

4 ACTION STEPS:

1. Bible Study and Prayer
2. Fellowship with other believers
3. Living a Spirit-led life
4. Giving of ourselves

ACTION STEP 1: How do I get more from my Bible? 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We believe the Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God.

1. I must accept its authority.

- Receive God's Word with an open heart. Luke 8:13-18
- Respond to God's Word with obedience. James 1:22

2. I must absorb its truths.

- Hearing God's Word. Romans 10:17
 - Faith comes from hearing the message.
- Reading God's Word. Revelation 1:3
- Studying God's Word. Acts 17:11
- Memorizing God's Word. Proverbs 7:2-3
- Meditating on God's Word. Psalm 1:2-3

3. I must apply its principles. John 13:17

- We encourage you to follow our S.O.A.P. program to apply the Bible to your life.

HOW DO I TALK WITH GOD?

Jesus exemplified a personal relationship with God through prayer that gave Him great strength. Every person who's been effective in service for God has developed this habit. The only way to be a healthy Christian is to spend time with God daily through prayer.

1. In my daily prayer time, I am:

- Giving devotion to God. 2 Chronicles 31:21
- Getting direction from God. Psalm 25:4
- Growing my relationship with God. John 17:25-26

2. Use the model Jesus gave us. Mathew 6:9-13

- Connect with God relationally.
- Run to His name.
- Pray His agenda first.
- Depend on Him for everything.
- Keep your heart right with God and people.
- Take your stand against the enemy.
- Have faith in God's ability.

ACTION STEP 2: WHY should I fellowship with others believers?

God never intended for us to go through life alone. Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of being in community. In fact, authentic life-change happens in the context of relationships. We at GSC do this mostly through Connection Groups.

1. Opportunities Connections Groups provide:

- Bible Study – I need people to strengthen and balance the Word of God in my life.
- Fellowship – I need people who really know me.
- Prayer - I need people to pray for me personally.
- Support – I need people who will protect me.
- Outreach – I need people with whom I can share my story.

2. How do I get involved with a Connection Group?

- Find and sign up for a group on line.
www.gracesummitchurch.com
- Commit for a season.
 - New groups start three semester each year: February, June, September
- Experience life change.
 - You'll never fully experience all that Grace Summit Church has to offer until you join a Connection Group!!

ACTION STEP 5: What does living a Spirit-filled life mean?

Having close relationships with other people is only part of God's plan for our lives. He desires to be our most intimate friend.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is a person. John 14:16
- The third person in the Trinity. John 14:26

2. The Holy Spirit's role in our lives. Acts 1:4-8

3. The Holy Spirit enables us to know God's:

- Comfort. John 14:16
- Conviction. John 16:5-8

4. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live with Christ-like:

- Character. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- Power. Acts 1:8

5. Holy Spirit equips us with:

- Spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Spiritual direction. Acts 2:17-21
 - God's dream for my life.
 - Vision to see the next steps.
 - Biblical truths to affect an eternal result.

6. How do I live a Spirit-led life?

- Remove all barriers. Acts 2:38
- Request the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke 11: 11-13

- Receive Him by faith. 1 Peter 4:10
- Relate to Him daily. 2 Corinthians 13:14
- Release your spiritual gifts with confidence. 1 Corinthians 14:12

ACTION STEP 4: How do I give?

The gospel is the ultimate demonstration of God's generous nature toward mankind. The Bible consistently teaches that God blesses us so that we may bless others.

1. Three areas of giving

- Give of our TIME
- Give of our TALENTS
- Give of our TREASURES

2. Benefits of giving

- Giving draws us closer to God. Mathew 6:21
- Giving is the antidote to materialism. 1 Timothy 6:17-29
- Giving strengthens our faith. Luke 6:38
- Giving is an investment in eternity. 1 Timothy 6:18-19

3. Biblical generosity is:

- Willing
- Cheerful
- Sacrificial
- Expectant

Essential steps of a healthy believer:

1. Bible Study & Prayer: Weekend service and S.O.A.P.
2. Fellowship with others: Connections Groups
3. Living a Spirit-led life: Next Steps
4. Giving of ourselves: Serving