



# Next Steps

On every stage of our journey of faith, we all have a next step.

## **Luke 11:1**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

The disciples recognised that there was something lacking in their own prayer life, when compared to what they saw Jesus doing, and so they asked Jesus to teach them. They weren't satisfied with how things were and took steps to effect change.

## **Philippians 3:10-17**

Paul was not happy to settle, or drift.

Look at the language of progress in this passage. (v12-14)

- “press on”
- “straining toward what is ahead”

In all humility, Paul also said “follow my example” and “keep your eyes on those who live as we do”

- as you think about the next steps in your faith journey, whose example might you follow?
  - it may be someone in your Life Group, or the wider Church family

## **General**

When was the last time you asked “Lord, teach me...” and what was it about specifically?

Looking back, what have been some of the most significant steps on your journey of faith?

Who helped you & how?

What resources did you need?

## **Specific**

Spend some time discussing the next step responses the group members wrote on the cards (below there’s a selection from those put up on the wall)

## **Reflection**

- What did God say?
- What is your next step? [what are you going to do about it?]
- Who do you need to help you achieve it or hold you accountable for it?

If there are people who didn’t have a sense of their next step (either on Sunday or during your group time) spend some time praying together; ask God to speak specifically for them, listen and share what you think you hear - recognise that it’s appropriate to test what is heard, not blindly accept it (“I think God says you should sell you house and give the proceeds to the RBC Building Fund”)

## Next Steps Responses

To get going again  
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Join the Church!

NEXT STEP  
TO PRAY ABOUT MY BUSYNESS!  
THEN ACT UPON ADVICE GIVEN.

Listen more intently  
to God  
in prayer and by reading  
the Bible more

**HANG ON TIGHTLY**  
**DESPITE CIRCUMSTANCES**

My next step will be  
to listen to God where  
He wants me to serve  
and to obey and trust  
that He will guide me.  
He will show me the way.

Finish current ministry  
calling well.  
Understand what that  
looks like.

Deeper relationship  
with God. Allowing  
Him all area access.

Re-enter the area of ministry  
God has called me to.

Building  
Fund Raising  
Event

- Spend more regular time slots in  
prayerfully connecting with the Lord.
- maybe get back in a Life Group but  
would need to lay something else down  
could do with a Day Group - not Evenings

To serve actively,  
honestly and eventually joyfully

Join a life group.  
Pray more frequently.

BE MORE DEFINITE IN  
PRAYER.  
PRAY EVERY TIME I  
HAVE A CUPPA.

REGULAR BIBLE STUDY  
—  
CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING  
TRAINING.

Build closer relationships  
with people in my church  
family.