

STARTING OVER



Part 1: TRUST
Part 2: GROW
Part 3: GIVE

Part 4: GO

Part 5: LOCAL TEACHING

... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded...
~ Jesus

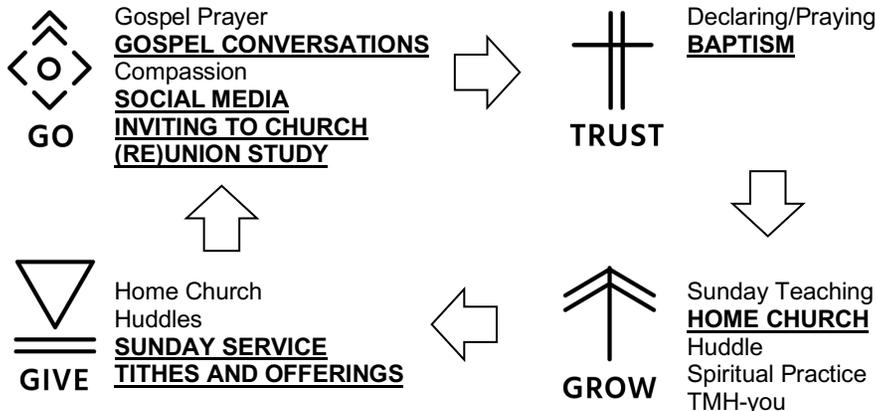
APPETIZER: Teaching Them To Obey

Matthew 28:18-20

“GO” COMMANDS

1. **Go...** to everyone everywhere
2. **Make disciples...** by proclaiming then training
3. **Baptize...** disciples
4. **Be witnesses...** with the Spirit's help
5. **Don't force feed the gospel...** it's like casting pearls to pigs
6. **Shine your light...** through good deeds
7. **Pray...** for more labourers to help with the harvest

THE MEETING HOUSE & DISCIPLESHIP



DINE IN: Becoming Witnesses

Acts 1:8

Mission work does not arise from any arrogance in the Christian Church; mission is its cause and its life. The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning. Where there is no mission, there is no Church; and where there is neither Church nor mission, there is no faith.
~ Emil Brunner (*The Word and the World*, 1931)

<u>DISCIPLES OF JESUS</u>	<u>BECAUSE WE ARE</u>	<u>SO WE</u>	<u>AS WE REACH</u>
1. Follow	Students	Learn	Up
2. Fellowship	Citizens	Live	In
3. Fish	Ambassadors	Love	Out

TAKE OUT: Practical Ways to “GO”

1. Gospel Conversations
 - a. Review your “Gospel Cheat Sheet” regularly
 - b. Get spiritually curious
 - c. Ask lots of questions
2. Social Media
 - a. Follow us on FB, Twitter, Instagram
 - b. Comment on posts
 - c. Repost with comments
 - d. Post your own reflections on things you're learning at church
 - e. Recommend specific sermons, BBQs, posts to friends
3. (re)union study
 - a. As a site event
 - b. As a home church
 - c. As a book club
 - d. With a friend
 - e. On your own
4. Invite to Sunday Church and/or Home Church
 - a. Upcoming series – “STILL. HERE.”

NEXT WEEK – Local Teaching!

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Of the five aspects of the discipleship cycle (Trust, Grow, Give, Go, Together) which do you find most challenging to live out?
2. Did God highlight anything for you from Sunday's teaching? Any lingering questions?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **Acts 1:1-11**.
 - a. What verse or idea seems significant to you?
 - b. Why does Luke say that his “former book” only records what Jesus “**began** to do and to teach” rather than “**everything** Jesus did and taught”? What are the implications of this for our lives today?
 - c. What are the “convincing proofs” that the author is speaking about in verse 3? What “convincing proofs” did you need/do you need to increase your confidence that Jesus is alive today?
 - d. According to the verse 2, Jesus taught “through the Holy Spirit”. What about us? Practically speaking, what does it mean to do anything through the Spirit vs on our own? Use examples.
 - e. John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus would baptize people with the Holy Spirit “and with fire” (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16) – a symbol of God’s judgement. But Jesus only talks about baptizing people with the Spirit. Is there any significance to this? (Also see John 3:17.)
 - f. The primary thing Jesus taught his disciples about was, according to verse 3, “the kingdom of God”. How would you describe what that is to someone who had no faith background?
 - g. Jesus said it’s all about the Kingdom of God, but his disciples were more interested in their early kingdom. Are there lessons in this for us?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

4. What would more power in your life to be a witness for Jesus look like? Be specific. Pray together for Jesus to bring this into reality for you.