

Understanding My Journey as a Follower of Jesus Christ

When we respond to Jesus call upon our lives and choose to follow Him as our Lord and Saviour that is only the beginning. Just as Jesus called the disciples to come and follow Him, that began a lifelong journey of learning to understand what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

It is our desire here at Westside Alliance Church that each individual person would strive to move forward and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We recognize that each one of us has an individual journey that God is leading us on. As such, we want to equip you and also enter into a conversation with you to assist you in knowing where you are at in your journey and also to see where there are areas for direction and pursuit as we follow Jesus together.

The following questions only achieve any meaning and purpose as you choose to engage in responding to them and in your choice to take next steps in response to what you see revealed in these pages. Your responses are not like a test that must be handed in and graded. In fact you can choose not to do anything with the results that come from answering the questions. Our desire is that you will engage with the responses and choose to grow in your relationship with God in Christ Jesus as well as in the daily practice of your life as a disciple of Jesus.

Our ask is that you would take the time to honestly answer the questions set before you in the six key areas that examine the qualities we have determined to represent the different areas of determining where we are at as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Upon completion of this, we would like the opportunity to meet with you as Elders to encourage, exhort, correct and guide you in the next steps that you need to take to grow in your spiritual life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. There will be opportunities to sign up to have an in home or at the church meeting to review your results and make a plan moving forward. Our hope is that as you review your answers a year from now that you will see growth in your spiritual life. We are not engaging in this in order to judge where you are at, but rather to grow together with you, understanding that we are on the same journey in our own lives

May God bless you richly as you choose to actively pursue Him.

Quality One – In Love With Jesus

How do you know that Jesus loves you? How do you express your love for Jesus?

If someone asks you who God is, what do you tell them? How do you explain God?

If your close friends and family were asked how they know you love Jesus, what would they say?

What is the significance in being baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to you?

If Jesus walked with you through a whole week, and heard all you say and saw all you do, would you be embarrassed to have Him with you? What areas of your life would you need to work on to want to have Him with you all the time?

Quality Two – Exercises Spiritual Self Care and Nurture

Do you believe that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God and provides us with God's inerrant and literal truth for our lives? _____ Why?

What is your regular practice for studying God's Word?

What is the pattern of prayer in your life? What is the focus of your prayers?

How much time do you spend in Bible study and prayer on a daily/weekly basis?
What is a reasonable goal for you to set in this area of your life?

If someone asks you how they can learn more about the Bible, what do you tell them?

What does it mean to you to take a rest that is focused on God?

What does the phrase, "God's grace is sufficient for me" mean?

When you are facing a trying time in life or are sick, what do you do? How do you respond when you see someone else going through this?

Quality Three – Committed Participant in a Local Church

What does your commitment to be a part of Westside Alliance Church look like?

How are you engaged and involved in the ministry at Westside Alliance Church?

What is your understanding and practice in giving tithes and offerings?

Knowing the talents and abilities that God has given you, how are you using them in His service?

Quality Four – Active in Winning the Lost

If you were asked to tell someone why you have faith in God, what would you say?

How are you engaged in sharing your faith and the story of God's love with others?

Where are you engaged with non-believers on a regular basis? Can you list at least five people that you have regular contact with who do not know Jesus as their Saviour?

What do you understand by the phrase "friend of sinners" as it applies to Jesus? How does this phrase apply to your life?

What practical ways do you engage in to demonstrate the love of God to others?

What is your practice of supporting God's call to reach the world with the message of Christ?

Quality Five – Practices Critique of Culture/Society

What is your habit of prayer for events and people in society around us and in the world today?

What do you think breaks God's heart when He looks at our world today?
What do you think angers God when He looks at the world today?

What do you see in society today that challenges your faith in God?

How do you respond when situations around you go against God's Word?

What are you living for today? What are the top five priorities in your life?

What steps are you taking to understand how we as Christians should respond to the things that are happening in the world today?

What are some key ways that you can determine if what you are hearing is false teaching and goes against God's Word?

Quality Six – Journey Conscious

What areas of life are you being challenged in right now as you live your Christian life?

What is the goal in life that you are living for? How do you know that is God's will for your life right now?

The expression states that we are "Green and Growing, or Brown and Dying."
What steps are you taking to remain on a path of green and growing in your life?
Are there any areas of your life that need to be pruned because they are brown and dying?

Who is speaking into your life and encouraging and mentoring you in your spiritual life?

Whose life are you speaking into? Whom are you mentoring and encouraging in their spiritual life?

Date _____

Signed _____

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