

Keep Going

always a disciple and a disciple-maker

Start Here

Well done! You've made it to the last step. It's important to take time to celebrate what the Lord has done in your lives.

- Congratulate each other for making it to the end!
- Name some shared memories from this journey that will always remain with you.
- What have you specifically appreciated about one another?

Discuss

Consider how you've changed along the journey.

- How has your view of the Lord and your relationship with him changed?
- In your daily life and decisions, how are you following Christ more?
- In what areas do you need to continue to grow as a disciple?

Explore the Word

In the New Testament we have letters from the apostles, encouraging all believers to keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, pursuing and serving him till the end. There is so much more to know and experience of God.

Read 2 Peter 1:5-8 and Colossians 1:9-12

- Which of these areas that Peter and Paul mention do you especially need to grow in now?
- Going forward, what will making "every effort" (2 Peter 1:5) look like in your life?
- What happens when we don't keep growing?

Prayer is clearly an important part of continued growth (Col. 1:9). Using the words of these verses, pray for each other now that you will always keep growing.

Main Idea

Our journey in following Jesus continues, and ultimately it brings the greatest joy. We must always learn from him and live his ways, keeping in step with him the rest of our lives. We do this in the same ways we've experienced on this journey:

Prayer and Scripture

- Our very first step taught us that spending time with God in daily prayer and reading of the Scripture is how we grow.

Christ-centered community

- We are always part of the church, the family of God. It is where we grow and are sustained and play our part.

Put it into Practice

- We learn by doing, so in every step we've sought to put into practice what Jesus teaches us. Our goal is to be doers of the word, not only hearers (James 1:22).

By engaging in all these, we will continue to grow as disciples.

Practice Together Now

Part of practicing following Jesus the rest of our lives is helping others do the same. As we help others, we are challenged to grow ourselves.

Over the last few steps you've been praying about starting Safar with someone else. If you have already identified those people, take a few minutes to pray for them now.

If you're still seeking someone, consider the following:

- Who could you invite?
- How will you invite them?
- Consider where you will meet.
- Consider the commitment it will take.

If appropriate, take time now to reach out to that person and invite them into the journey.

Review your Practice Daily

Let's finish where we began in Step 1 by reading Psalm 1 again. Pray the following over each other.

“Lord, I pray that my friend, ____, would always delight in your word. I pray that they would meditate on your word continually. May they be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding much fruit. May their leaves never wither. And may they prosper in all they do. I pray the winds of this world will not blow them away, but that you would always watch over them.”