

Next Steps
Philippians 3:12-14 & others

**DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE —
IT'S ABOUT WHERE YOU'RE HEADED.**

Who is a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

- I. One who _____ everything to follow Jesus Christ.
(Matthew 4:18-22)

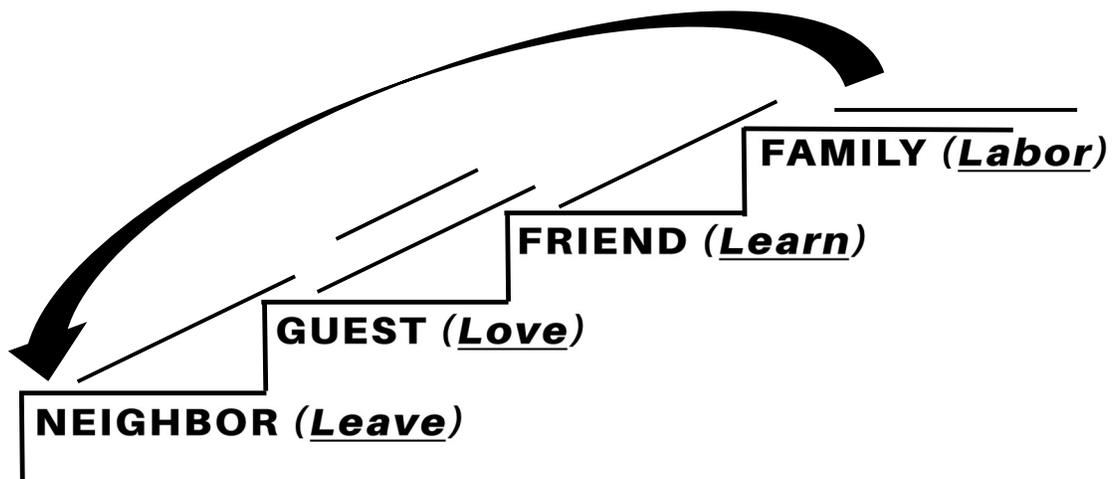
- II. One who _____ God and others.
(Matthew 22:35-40)

- III. One who _____ to be like Jesus Christ.
(Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 6:40)

- IV. One who _____ to help other know Jesus Christ.
(Matthew 28:18-20)



Next Steps in Discipleship:



The Simple Church Process:
*Helping you take the next step so that neighbors become guests,
guests become friends, and friends become family in Christ.*

For Group Discussion: **From the Sermon: “Next Steps”** [Philippians 3:12-14]

Leaving Everything to Follow Jesus (*Matthew 4:18–22*)

1. Jesus called ordinary fishermen, and they followed immediately. Where would you honestly place yourself right now — Neighbor, Guest, Friend, or Family? What would your next step “toward Him” look like?
2. *“Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.”* What is one “net” that may be slowing your forward movement with Jesus (comfort, schedule, fear, independence, habit, etc.)?

Loving God and Others (*Matthew 22:35–40*)

3. Jesus says all the Law and Prophets hang on loving God and loving others. How can you tell when your obedience is flowing from love rather than duty, guilt, or image management?
4. Which step in the Cornerstone pathway (showing up, small groups, serving, sending) most stretches you relationally? Why do you think loving others becomes more tangible as we move from Guest to Friend to Family?

Learning to Be Like Jesus (*Matthew 11:28–30; Luke 6:40*)

5. Jesus says a fully trained disciple will be like his teacher. What rhythms or practices in your life are actively shaping you into His likeness — and what rhythms might actually be shaping you away from Him?
6. Small groups are one way we “learn His yoke.” How has community helped you grow? What fears might be keeping you from deeper spiritual relationships?

Laboring to Help Others Know Jesus (*Matthew 28:18–20*)

7. The Great Commission assumes we are moving from being disciplined to discipling. Where are you on that journey? Who is investing in you — and who are you investing in?
8. If discipleship is about direction, not perfection, what is one concrete next step you can take this month to move forward — show up consistently, join a group, begin serving, or say yes to being sent?

Finish this sentence:

“My next step toward becoming Family at Cornerstone is _____.”
{As a group pray over these steps with one another.}