



**NEXT STEPS 101**


# WELCOME TO NEXT STEPS 101


**GOAL:** Next Steps 101 is designed to be an introduction to our church and provides a map that, when followed, will help you meet your basic spiritual needs.

## As a result of this class you will

- Discover a little more about our church.
- Hear an overview of your basic spiritual needs.
- Receive a map you can follow to become the disciple God created you to be.

## INTRODUCTION TO OUR CHURCH

 Our \_\_\_\_\_

 Our \_\_\_\_\_

### - **Matthew 28:19-20**

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### - **Be and Build Disciples**

● Our \_\_\_\_\_

- **Acts 1:8**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- **Make \_\_\_\_\_ in our church**

- **Make a \_\_\_\_\_ in our community**

- **Make \_\_\_\_\_ around the world**

● Our \_\_\_\_\_

- **Luke 6:40**

"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is \_\_\_\_\_ will be like his teacher."

- **Fully Trained = Character and Conduct**

Next Steps is a series of classes designed to give you the tools to become a fully trained disciple of Jesus Christ by meeting the basic spiritual needs in your life.

# SEVEN BASIC SPIRITUAL NEEDS

1. Everyone has a need to belong to \_\_\_\_\_ and to other Christians.
2. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.
4. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ and care for others.
5. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ his or her God-given resources.
6. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ the message of Jesus Christ with others.
7. Everyone has a need to \_\_\_\_\_ more disciples of Jesus Christ.

# FULLY TRAINED = M-7 DISCIPLE

## The Character + Conduct of Christ

Once your basic spiritual needs are met, you become a fully trained disciple.



# NEXT STEPS CLASSES

## Next Steps is a Map

101

Next Steps 101 is designed to introduce you to the “next steps” process. It will provide you with a **map** to help you meet your basic spiritual needs.



201

Next Steps 201 is designed to help you discover environments for worship and growth. This class will help you find a small group for spiritual **maturity** and a plan for **magnifying** God.



301

Next Steps 301 is designed to help you find a place where you can **minister** and connect to classes to help you grow as a **manager**.



401

Next Steps 401 is designed to help you learn how to be a **messenger** of the message of Jesus Christ, learn what it means to be a **member** of the Church, and learn how to **multiply** more disciples of Christ.

## Next Steps is Easy

- Four classes that last 75-90 minutes
- Taught with video and facilitators in small group settings
- Offered all year (except for holidays) over four consecutive weekends
- Take Next Steps when you are ready and as your schedule allows

### WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?

- I'm ready to take Next Steps 201
- I need more time before taking Next Steps 201
- I'm ready, but will need to take Next Steps 201 later

# OUR BELIEFS

## **What We Believe About The Bible:**

The Bible is God's Word to all men written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Being inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error.

## **What We Believe About God:**

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

## **What We Believe About Jesus Christ:**

Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless, human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all men by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

## **What We Believe About The Holy Spirit:**

The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily.

## **What We Believe About Man:**

Man is made in the spiritual image of God to be like Him in character. He is the supreme object of God's creation. Although man has tremendous potential for good, he is marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates man from God.

## **What We Believe About Salvation:**

Salvation is a gift from God to man. Man can never make up for his sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer for forgiveness can man be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

## **What We Believe About Eternity:**

Man was created to exist forever. He will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and hell are places of eternal existence. Crossroads Church is a member of the Southern Baptist Denomination, and we participate with fellow Southern Baptist Churches within the Cooperative Program. Crossroads Church is a local autonomous body of believers that is organized and governed by the model of the early church described in the New Testament. Crossroads is committed to being a New Testament Church that will reach a contemporary culture.



# OUR VALUES

## **Culturally Relevant:**

We do ministry in a way that identifies with contemporary culture without compromising the truth of God's Word. We identify with our culture through things like casual dress, music, creative elements, and media that we might be better able to reach our culture.

## **Relationship Centered:**

We believe that ministry and life should be done in the context of relationships. At Crossroads we want people to be our focus, and we want people to be more important than programs.

## **Organized for Growth:**

We believe that a healthy church is a growing church. We seek to continually structure our church so that we may see the number of disciples increase rapidly.

## **Small Groups Prioritized:**

We prioritize the use of small groups because we believe they are the most effective way to do ministry. We are a small group church—not just a church with small groups.

## **Spiritually Qualified Leaders:**

The Bible teaches that church leadership should be based on spiritual qualifications, not political qualification. We seek to place people who are spiritually qualified in leadership positions.

## **Rely on Prayer, Faith, & The Holy Spirit:**

The church is a spiritual organization and should be managed from a spiritual perspective. The church does not need human wisdom but supernatural wisdom that only comes from God.

## **Operates by Gifts & Passions:**

We are a church committed to helping people discover their passions and spiritual gifts, so they can be more effective in serving.

## **Attitude of Acceptance:**

We desire for our church to be a place where people of different backgrounds find love and acceptance; however, we may accept a person and still not approve of his lifestyle if it contradicts Scripture.

## **Disciple-Making Focus:**

At Crossroads, our purpose is to "Be and Build" disciples of Christ by helping people move from babies in their faith to mature adults.

## **Scriptural Authority:**

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and our sole authority for life. We use the Bible as our standard and our guide.





