

stepONE



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OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Welcome to StepOne—we are so glad you are here!

StepOne is the first class within the Growth Track that introduces you to your church family! This class is the basic introduction to Christ and VCC. Since we have people from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who and what VCC is all about.

THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

You are members of God's very own family . . . and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. **EPHESIANS 2:19b (TLB)**

KEY TRUTHS:

1. The church is a _____.
2. God wants you to be a _____ of the church family.
3. A follower of Jesus without a church family is _____.

OUR STORY

For more information on Vineyard Community Church, go to www.vccindy.org/about/about-vineyard

WHAT MAKES VCC A FAMILY?

THREE THINGS UNITE US:

- Our Salvation (*What God Has Done For Us*)
- Our Statement (*Why We Exist As A Church*)
- Our Strategy (*How We Fulfill Our Purpose*)

OUR SALVATION

For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and we who have been baptized into union with Christ are enveloped by him.

We are no longer Jews or Greeks, or slaves or free men or even merely men or women, but we are all the same—we are Christians; we are one in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:26-28 (TLB)

The following section details the two symbols (or sacraments) of our salvation.

WATER BAPTISM & COMMUNION

At Vineyard Community Church we believe and practice baptism of the believer and communion open to all believers.

The Importance Of Being Baptized

1. WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

A. To follow the example set by _____.

*At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the (river). **MARK 1:9 (NIV)***

B. Because Christ _____ it.

*(Jesus) “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” **MATTHEW 28:19-20A (NIV)***

C. It demonstrates that I really am a _____.

*Many of the (people) who heard him believed and were baptized. **ACTS 18:8B (NIV1984)***

*We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. **1 JOHN 2:3 (NIV1984)***

2. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF BAPTISM?

A. It illustrates Christ's _____ and resurrection.

Christ died for our sins . . . he was buried . . . and he rose again.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3B-4A (KJV)

For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:12A (GNT)

B. It illustrates my _____ as a Christian.

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (NLT)

By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death . . . so also we might live a new life.

ROMANS 6:4 (GNT)

THINGS TO NOTE:

Baptism doesn't make you a believer—
it shows that you already believe.

Baptism does not “save” you—only your faith in Christ does that.

Baptism is like a wedding ring—
it's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NIV)

3. WHY BE BAPTIZED BY IMMERSION?

A. Because _____ was baptized that way.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.

MATTHEW 3:16A (NIV)

B. Every baptism in the _____ was by immersion.

. . . then both Philip and the (man) went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water . . .

ACTS 8:38B-39A (NIV)

C. The word “baptize” means “to _____ in water.”

The Greek word “baptizo” means “to immerse or dip under water.”

Baptism symbolizes a
BURIAL and **RESURRECTION!**

WHAT VARIOUS CHRISTIAN LEADERS HAVE SAID ABOUT BAPTISM THROUGH THE AGES:

Martin Luther *“I would have those who are to be baptized to be entirely immersed, as the word imports and the mystery signifies.”*

John Calvin *“The word ‘Baptize’ signifies to immerse. It is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church.”*

John Wesley *“Buried with him, alludes to baptizing by immersion according to the custom of the first church.”*

4. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

A. Every person who has _____ in Christ.

Those who accepted his message were baptized.

ACTS 2:41A (NIV)

Simon himself believed and was baptized.

ACTS 8:13A (NIV)

But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news . . . and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACTS 8:12 (NIV)

THINGS TO NOTE:

At The Vineyard, we teach and encourage every participant to be baptized the way Jesus demonstrated, even though many of us were “confirmed” as children.

5. WHEN SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

A. AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

Those who believed . . . were baptized and added to the church that day!

ACTS 2:41 (NLT)

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the (man) said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the (man) went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

ACTS 8:35-38 (NIV1984)

THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY. AS SOON AS YOU HAVE DECIDED TO RECEIVE CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU CAN AND SHOULD BE BAPTIZED. IF YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE “PERFECT,” YOU’LL NEVER FEEL “GOOD ENOUGH!”

Frequently Asked Questions About Baptism

1. HOW OLD MUST A PERSON BE TO BE BAPTIZED?

Only a sincere and well-informed profession of faith is necessary. At the Vineyard, we wait until our children are old enough to believe, understand and articulate their faith before we baptize them.

Some denominations christen infants; however, it is our conviction, based on Biblical instruction and practice, that baptism is reserved for professing followers of Jesus. Baby baptism and child dedication should be kept as two distinct practices. The Vineyard offers child dedication which is a confirmation between the parents and the church that each will do their part to see the child discover and fulfill God's unique purpose for his or her life.

2. DO I HAVE TO BE RE-BAPTIZED AT THE VINEYARD?

No. The only Biblical test for a "genuine" baptism is the faith of the believer being baptized. It is a covenant between Jesus and the believer, not an initiation ritual to a particular denomination or fellowship.

3. CAN MY FAMILY BE BAPTIZED TOGETHER?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. Young children who wish to be baptized should discuss the matter carefully with their parents and a pastor.

HOWEVER, *it is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them, and delays your obedience.*

4. WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN I AM BAPTIZED?

Clothes that will not retain much water work best. Most people wear dark-colored shorts and t-shirts. Also, make sure to bring a change of clothes, two towels and a plastic bag for wet clothing.

The Meaning Of Communion

Jesus never asked his disciples to remember his birth, but he did instruct them to remember his death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (*called ordinances or sacraments*) as reminders of his death. There is **BAPTISM** and **COMMUNION**, also called the Lord's Supper. Communion is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

1. WHAT IS COMMUNION? 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 (NIV)

A. It is a _____, _____.

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread . . .

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23_B (NIV)

B. It is a _____.

. . . and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; (eat it) in remembrance of me."

1 CORINTHIANS 11:24 (NIV)

C. It is a _____.

In the same way . . . he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood . . . drink it, in remembrance of me."

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25 (NIV)

D. It is a _____.

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (back).

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 (NIV)

2. WHO SHOULD TAKE COMMUNION?

A. Only those who are already _____. (Mark 14:22-26)

For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:29 (NIV1984)

3. HOW DO I PREPARE FOR COMMUNION?

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A (person) ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:29 (NIV1984)

PREPARE BY:

SELF-EXAMINATION
1 CORINTHIANS 11:27

CONFESSING MY SINS
1 JOHN 1:9

RECOMMITMENT
ROMANS 12:1

RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS
MATTHEW 5:23-24

4. SOME WAYS WE TAKE COMMUNION:

Different churches have differing traditions for taking the Lord's Supper. The Bible does not spell out exact details on how communion is to be done; rather the emphasis is on why, and matters of the heart. Here at VCC, we celebrate communion in a variety of ways and settings.

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS:

Communion is available outside the Prayer Room every weekend.

On occasion, we will also include communion as part of the weekend celebration when the subject of the message lends itself to communion.

LIFE GROUPS:

Some Life Groups also choose to share communion together.

OUR STATEMENTS

Let there be real harmony (among you) so that there won't be any splits in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10_B (TLB)

Our Mission Statement

(WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH)

The purpose of our church is summarized in a single sentence based on two key scriptures:

We're here to **LOVE PEOPLE** into a
GROWING RELATIONSHIP with **JESUS!**

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT:

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul . . . and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 22:37-40 (NIV)

THE GREAT COMMISSION:

(Jesus) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

MATTHEW 28:19-20_A (NIV)

THE GREAT CHURCH:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47 (NIV)

Our Statement Of Faith

(WHAT WE BELIEVE)

- **IN ESSENTIAL BELIEFS—WE HAVE UNITY**

There is one body and one Spirit . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

EPHESIANS 4:4-6A (NIV)

- **IN NON-ESSENTIAL BELIEFS—WE HAVE LIBERTY**

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.

ROMANS 14:1,4A,12,22A (NIV1984)

- **IN ALL OUR BELIEFS—WE SHOW LOVE**

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:2 (MSG)

The Essentials We Believe

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE LIVING AND TRUE GOD, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; that this triune God created all, upholds all, and governs all.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SCRIPTURES OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS ARE THE WORD OF GOD, fully inspired, without error in the original manuscripts, and the infallible rule of faith and practice.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, AN INFINITE, PERSONAL SPIRIT, PERFECT IN HOLINESS, WISDOM, POWER, AND LOVE; that He concerns himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to him through Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teaching; His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to earth. We believe, at His first coming, Jesus inaugurated the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, Who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ; we believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the Biblical gifts of the Spirit.

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE SINNERS BY NATURE AND CHOICE AND ARE THEREFORE UNDER CONDEMNATION, God regenerates and baptizes by the Holy Spirit those who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

WE BELIEVE IN THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, the living spiritual body, of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COMMITTED TWO ORDINANCES TO THE CHURCH: baptism and communion. We believe in water baptism and communion open to all believers.

WE BELIEVE ALSO IN THE LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, for ordination of pastors and elders, for receiving gifts of the Spirit, and for healing.

WE BELIEVE IN THE PERSONAL, VISIBLE, APPEARING OF CHRIST TO EARTH AND THE CONSUMMATION OF HIS KINGDOM; in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, and eternal blessing of the righteous and endless suffering of the wicked.

WE BELIEVE IN WHAT IS TERMED “THE APOSTLE’S CREED” as embodying fundamental facts of Christian faith, and endorse the historic orthodox creeds of the church.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth—and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; and was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell, on the third day He rose again from the dead and He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in the universal church and the communion of saints. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Lifestyle Statement

(WHAT WE PRACTICE)

Few would disagree that our beliefs must be translated into action if they are to have an impact on our lives. Based on our belief in what the Bible teaches, we feel the following seven practices should be a part of our day-to-day lifestyle:

LIVING THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible is the word of God, inspired by Him and written down to draw us into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and to teach us how to live according to God's standards and purposes. The Bible explains that to be a true Christian, we must know God's word and do what it tells us to do. (John 5:39-40; 2 Timothy 3:15-16) In other words, we must live the Bible. As the Apostle Paul said:

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 (NLT)

PRAYER

We believe that prayer – direct, personal, two-way communication with God – is an essential part of our understanding of and relationship with Him. Just as Jesus said that He only did what he saw God doing (John 5:19), we regularly must talk with God to know His will for our lives. When we pray, God guides us through the Holy Spirit and by the knowledge that only comes from Him.

WORSHIP

We believe that worshiping God is the highest privilege Christians have, allowing us to express our love for God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength—as Jesus encouraged us to do in Mark 12:30—and bringing us into an intimate relationship with Him. Worshiping God through song is one of many ways that we do that. True worship is any act that shows God our love for Him, our dependence on Him and our trust in Him. God is worthy of our worship and desires it at all times.

GIVING

We believe that we become closer to God as we give. God is a giver. He gave His only Son as a sacrifice to show His love for us (John 3:16). Jesus said that He came to give His life away (Matthew 20:28). The Apostle Paul said that the test of our worship is our willingness to give our lives to God as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1). The Christian lifestyle requires that we give our time, energy and resources to God for Him to control. We give our time to God by structuring our lives around prayer, Bible study, ministry and other things that strengthen our relationship with Him. We give our energy by making ourselves available to be used by God for His purposes. We give our resources to God by presenting our tithes and offerings to His church and allowing him to use our possessions for His purposes.

SPIRIT-LED LIVING

We believe that it is impossible to live a Christian lifestyle without the power and leading of the Spirit of God. Therefore we strive to live Spirit-led lives, relying on God to guide us and depending on His power to enable us to live by His standards. (Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 5:18)

SHARING CHRIST WITH OTHERS

We believe that God has called all Christians to share the story of Jesus Christ—how he came, died and rose again to make a way for us to be forgiven and reconciled with God—with the people in our lives. This can be done in many ways, such as giving away a free coke at an intersection, inviting a friend to attend church, and telling others about our personal experience with Jesus Christ.

SHARING OUR LIVES

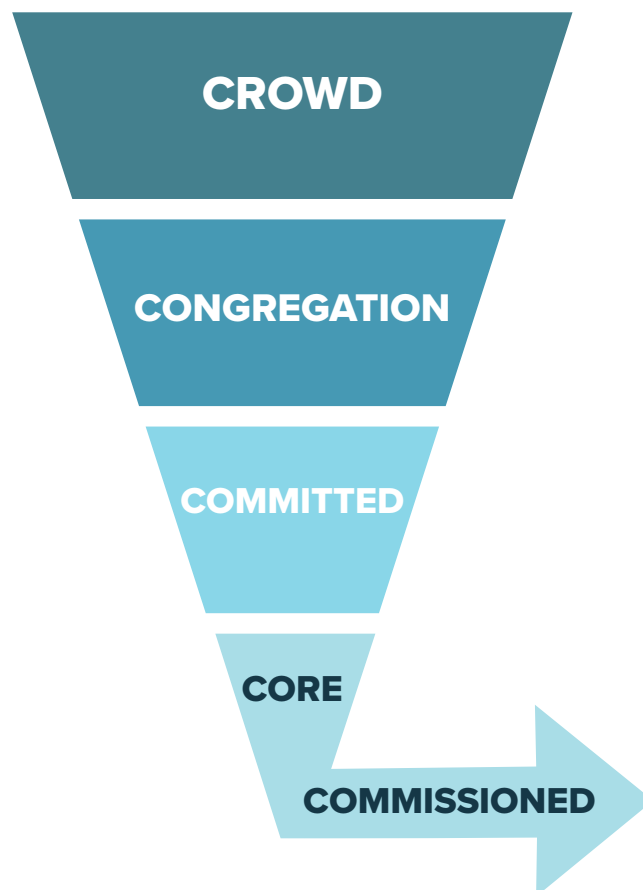
We believe that dynamic relationships with other Christians are a vital part of the Christian lifestyle. By regularly meeting in small groups we seek to establish relationships in which we play, pray, serve, laugh, cry, and grow together in a way that is not possible during our “large group” meetings. The Bible models small groups as a place for Christians to worship God, learn the Bible, pray together and grow spiritually as well as influence their community as a group. VCC has many small groups that offer a “place to belong” in the church.

OUR STRATEGY

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22B-23 (NIV)

5 CIRCLES OF COMMITMENT



Vineyard Community Church's objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments. Specifically, we call people to four personal commitments . . .

THE FOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENTS:

1. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT (*stepONE*):

A commitment to _____ and _____.

You are members of God's very own family . . . and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.

EPHESIANS 2:19_B (TLB)

Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others.

ROMANS 12:4-5 (TLB)

2. THE MATURITY COMMITMENT (*stepTWO*):

A commitment to _____ necessary for spiritual growth.

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 3:18_A (NIV)

Train yourself to be godly.

1 TIMOTHY 4:7_B (NLT)

3. THE MINISTRY COMMITMENT (stepTHREE):

A commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in _____ God and others.

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other.

1 PETER 4:10_A (TLB)

There are different kinds of service to God . . . All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:5, 27_B (TLB)

4. THE MISSIONS COMMITMENT (stepFOUR):

A commitment to _____ the Good News with others.

“You will be my witnesses for me . . . to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8_B (GNT)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect.

1 PETER 3:15_B (NIV)

Why do we have these Commitments?

We become what we are _____.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A COMMITTED MEMBER

At Vineyard Community Church we recognize the value of making a formal commitment. We ask you to commit to Vineyard Community Church for 4 reasons:

1. A BIBLICAL REASON: CHRIST IS COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH.

Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.
EPHESIANS 5:25_B (GNT)

2. A CULTURAL REASON: IT IS A WITNESS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything—a job, a marriage, our country. This attitude has also produced a generation of church shoppers and church hoppers. Commitment swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A PRACTICAL REASON: IT DEFINES WHO CAN BE COUNTED ON.

Every team has a player roster. Every school has a student enrollment. Every business has an employee payroll. Every army has an enlistment of soldiers. Commitment identifies our family.

4. A PERSONAL REASON: IT PRODUCES SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS?

At The Vineyard we never ask members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches. We only expect you to do what the Bible expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the **MEMBER'S COMMITMENT**.

Vineyard Community Church Membership Commitment:

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior, and being in agreement with VCC's statements, strategy, and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Vineyard Community Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other participants to do the following:

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- **BY ACTING IN LOVE TOWARD OTHER MEMBERS**
- **BY REFUSING TO GOSSIP**
- **BY TRUSTING THE LEADERSHIP**

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

ROMANS 14:19 (NIV)

*May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. **ROMANS 15:5 (NLT)***

*Have a sincere love other believers; love one another earnestly with all your heart. **1 PETER 1:22b (GNT)***

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.

EPHESIANS 4:29_A (NIV)

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.

HEBREWS 13:17 (NIV1984)

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH.

- **BY PRAYING FOR ITS GROWTH**
- **BY INVITING OTHERS TO ATTEND**
- **BY WARMLY WELCOMING THOSE WHO ATTEND**

(To the church) We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. **1 THESSALONIANS 1:2 (NLT)**

“Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.”

LUKE 14:23_B (NLT)

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. **ROMANS 15:7 (RSV)**

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH.

- **BY DISCOVERING MY GIFTS AND TALENTS**
- **BY BEING EQUIPPED TO SERVE**
- **BY DEVELOPING A SERVANT'S HEART**

Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given to you . . .

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10 (NIV)

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus . . . he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-7 (NIV)

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- **BY ATTENDING FAITHFULLY**
- **BY LIVING A GODLY LIFE**
- **BY GIVING REGULARLY**

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another. **HEBREWS 10:25 (GNT)**

But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ. **PHILIPPIANS 1:27 (PHILLIPS)**

On the first day of each week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in (proportion to what you have earned) . . .

1 CORINTHIANS 16:2A (NIV)

Ten percent of everything you harvest is holy and belongs to (the LORD).

LEVITICUS 27:30A (CEV)

Vineyard Growth Track

*step***ONE**

Vineyard Membership and Core Beliefs

*step***TWO**

3 Key Practices of Spiritual Growth

*step***THREE**

The Holy Spirit and Service

*step***FOUR**

Giving Your Faith Away

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name (first, middle initial, last) _____

Spouses Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work

Email Address _____

Date of Birth / /

Marital Status (please circle one): Single Married Separated Widowed

Engaged (Date of Wedding) / / Married (Anniversary) / /

MEMBERSHIP

☐ I want to become a member ☐ I want to think about it ☐ Not right now

SPIRITUAL INFORMATION

When were you a guest for the first time here? _____

How much did you know about The Vineyard prior to your first time here?

(please circle one) None Very little Some Very familiar

Have you attended another Vineyard? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

Have you been baptized in water? Yes No

If Yes, your approximate age at baptism: _____

☐ I would like to be baptized

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus Christ?

☐ Seeker/Curious ☐ Agnostic ☐ New Christian

☐ Committed Christ Follower ☐ I'm not sure what I believe

☐ I've been a Christian for a while, but I desire to grow closer to God

stepONE FEEDBACK

How did you first hear about the Vineyard Growth Track and Step One?

- ☐ During Celebration ☐ Program ☐ Website ☐ Social Media ☐ Friend
☐ Other _____

What did you hope to benefit from coming to Step One?

CIRCLE ONE NOT AT ALL ENTIRELY	COMMENTS
<i>Were your expectations met?</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>How helpful was Step One for you?</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>Was the atmosphere friendly?</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>How well was the material presented?</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
<i>Do you feel that you now understand the mission of Vineyard Community Church?</i> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	

What was the highlight of Step One for you? _____

What would you recommend we do different? _____

Are there any questions you have that were not answered? _____

LET'S TAKE A SURVEY!

The Vineyard is committed to learning how we can best serve our community.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, pull it out of your binder, and drop it off at the end of class.

1. WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE VINEYARD?

It could be anything . . . from hearing how a friend's life was touched through the church, to being curious after driving by the church, to realizing that you needed to reconnect your life with God . . . What first brought you to The Vineyard?

2. WHAT BROUGHT YOU BACK TO THE VINEYARD?

Was it the friendliness, or that you found a LifeGroup, or a place to serve, was it the teaching, the worship or the prayer at our celebrations . . . What brought you back?

3. HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU INVITING AN UNCHURCHED OR NON-CHRISTIAN FRIEND TO THE VINEYARD?

(Circle which number best represents your comfort level)

NOT COMFORTABLE 1 --- 2 --- 3 --- 4 --- 5 VERY COMFORTABLE

4. WHAT IS ONE WAY WE COULD IMPROVE IN ORDER TO CREATE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR YOU TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS?"

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