# STEP TWO

>>All In To Grow



Vision: We exist to bring all nations to Jesus.

Mission: We love God, love people and love life.

All Nations Church Next Steps 4 weeks:

- 1. All Welcome to Belong
- 2. All In to Grow
- 3. All Rise to Purpose
- 4. All Out to Serve

We believe that finding \_\_\_\_\_\_ and choosing to go "all in" to follow Him, will cause us to grow spiritually. The Bible calls a person who chooses to go all in, a believer. When a believer lives a life of faithful commitment; by getting to know Jesus, it is a process,



not a one-time magical experience. The process takes time and sometimes growth seems unrecognizable. God is faithful and rewards those who seek Him. Commit to Him and see what happens!

At some point in your spiritual journey, you may have prayed a simple prayer inviting Jesus to be part of your life. Maybe you've committed to make Him your Lord & Savior. That is an old term which means boss. We do what he says because that is most profitable for us and the Kingdom of God, which we are now part of.

I'm sure the prayer was sincere and powerful, but let's look at what actually happened when you said that prayer and believed.

The Choice to Follow Jesus

God's origina	l intent was for	_ •
God needed t	to facilitate a	
new	and master plan to bridge the	
separation	to restore the relationship.	

The good news is that a person's choice of sin can be



corrected by making an individual decision to be restored with God. Jesus chose to pay the ultimate price of mediating our relationship to the Father.

We get to choose renewal and restoration of our relationship with God, by choosing to believe and follow Jesus. We are not puppets. God designed us to want to choose Him.

God's nature and character wants
 to understand salvation through Jesus.

## 2 Peter 3:9 (MSG)

God isn't late with His promise as some measure of lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the end because He doesn't want anyone lost and alone. He's giving everyone space and time to change.

#### John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God already \_\_\_\_\_ us through Jesus sacrifice.
That's why He doesn't ask questions when we



indicate a desire to receive Jesus. There isn't a test we have to pass or a card we must carry.

• When we say "I believe and follow Jesus" ... that's enough.

#### 1 Timothy 2:5 (VOICE)

"Because there is one God and one Mediator between God and us—the man Jesus, God's Anointed."

This is what happened when you prayed and invited Jesus into your life! You accepted His complete and perfect mediation between you and God.

- You can't earn it.
- You don't have to.
- Jesus already did.

#### Romans 10:9-10 (MSG)

"Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"— embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!""



# By faith, I chose to be *ALL IN*. I chose to follow Jesus! Water Baptism

Baptism is an exciting time in a believer's life. It is a time to declare your commitment to follow Jesus publicly. It is a ritual

believers walks participate in, as an adult, once they have made a personal declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. A surrender to die to one's own ways and be completely saturated in the nature and character of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is a powerful event in the life of a follow of Christ! When Jesus was baptized the Holy Spirit came upon him and empowered him for life and ministry.

#### Acts 2:38-39 (MSG)

"Peter said, "Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away—whomever, in fact, our Master God invites."

Acts 22:16 (MSG)



So, what are you waiting for? Get baptized, scrubbed clean of those sins and personally acquainted with God.

# **Romans 6:4-5 (MSG)**

"That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country."

Don't wait. Book your baptism today! You won't regret it.

#### **Transformation**

#### 2 Corinthians 3:18 (VOICE)

"Now <u>all</u> of us, with our faces unveiled, reflect the glory



of the Lord as if we are mirrors; and so we are being transformed, *metamorphosed*, into His same image from one radiance of glory to another, just as the Spirit of the Lord accomplishes it."

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#### Romans 12:2 (VOICE)

Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind.

As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

# Ways to grow in your faith:

- Choosing to regularly gather with other people who are intent on following Jesus. Attend and serve in All Nations Church services regularly.
- 2. Prioritize time with God; devote yourself to it.
  - a. Spend time in a quiet place with God.



- b. Daily find a space to go often to meet withi. God- be consistent.
- c. Prayer- search Google for "bible prayers for Christians".
- d. Reading- start following a bible reading plan online.
- e. Spend time pondering, thinking, imagining & meditating on His word.
- 3. Actual \_\_\_\_\_with other \_\_\_\_who are learning to follow Jesus.
- 4. Podcasts and Audio/visual Teaching.
- 5. YouVersion Bible App.
- 6. Share with others what you have learned and what has brought you new life.
- 7. Attend one of the Experience Life Groups at All Nations
- 8. Find a spiritual mentor. Stay committed even when you don't see growth, it is happening. As you grow you will learn more about God and you will also learn a lot about yourself. You will begin to see that you are His workmanship created "in Him" for a good work. Stay faithful and watch what God will do with you!



9. Use "The Bible Project" to find historical and cultural significance of specific scripture.

Step 3 will help you discover your gifts or callings and help understand how to exercise those new spiritual muscles for the sake of our community and the cause of Christ.

See you next week!





