

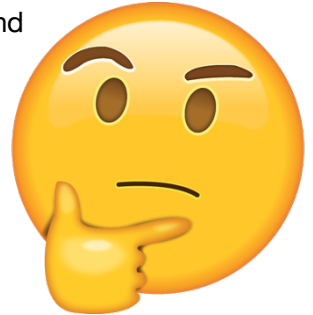
Engaging Christ - A New Life

Inviting people to belong where we Engage Christ and Others
and are equipped to see transformed lives.

Have you ever asked yourself, “How do I know if I am following Jesus?” If you are like many, you “give your life” to Jesus but then don’t know where to go from there. “Is there evidence of Christ at work in my life?”

Paul talks about a changed life in Galatians 2:20 (NIV): “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

This guide is a way to prayerfully look at the life you live and see where Jesus is at work. Understand there are certain practices we put in our life to allow the Spirit to transform us into the image of Christ. The work Jesus does in us is a lifelong journey, not a sprint but a marathon, and Christ gave us the church to help us on this journey. The staff of Engage are regularly praying for you and here to help, please reach out to us if there is anything we can do to help you in this process.



The marathon starts with baptism, this external expression of what Christ has revealed to you in your heart.



Paul writes in Romans 10:9-10 (NIV): “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” When we call on Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are admitting that, 1). He is God and can save us, 2) we are sinners in need of saving, 3) we are turning away from sin with Christ’s help and, 4) giving our life to Jesus so that He may be King of our life.

After baptism comes the daily work of surrendering our lives to Jesus. I cannot promise you it will be easy, but I can tell you it will be worth it!

Being a Christian means we follow Jesus or are **disciples** of Jesus. This is best defined by Matthew 22:37-40 which says we love God and love others. I define love as “prioritizing the other above yourself.” Regarding Jesus, we love and are committed to Him, and show our love and commitment by living and acting differently.

We love Jesus by Engaging (Acts 2:41-43)

Through “Self-feeding”

- Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)
- Daily Bible Reading and Study (Matthew 4:4)

Through Attending/Belonging

- Worship (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- Small Group (Proverbs 27:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Baptism (Acts 8:26-36, Matthew 28:19)
- Membership (1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:11-13)

We love Jesus by Supporting Christ’s local church

- Giving (Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Praying for the ministries
- Attending the ministries consistently

We love Jesus by Serving

- (Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10)
- Others in the church
(Ministry, using your gifts)
- Others outside the church
(Mission, 1 Corinthians 9:22-23)

We love Jesus by Witnessing

- (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

We love Jesus in our Behavior towards others
practicing an ethical faith (Ephesians 4:17-32)

