



# Assess Where I Am

Welcome to **Next Steps**! Our journey as disciples begins the moment we place our trust in Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour. From that very point, there is a call upon our lives to follow the example of Jesus and to grow more like Him.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.*

**Matthew 16:24**

The word of God encourages personal reflection as a mean to grow in our Christian walk.

*Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.*

**Haggai 1:5**

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

**Psalms 139:23-24**

This is a tool to help you in examining your personal spiritual growth. Before you start, prayerfully ask God to guide your reflection. Since these statements require a subjective response, God's guidance is the key to an accurate and honest picture. Also, resist the urge to compare your scores with others as that will often lead to either self-condemnation or pride.

There is also a temptation to think that our personal efforts are central to spiritual growth. Remember, growing to be more like Christ is all about Christ working in and through our lives and not us striving. God desires the transformation of our hearts over legalistic and religious actions. God does the revealing, renewing and empowering. Our part as disciples of Christ is to surrender, obey and submit.

A suggestion in using this tool is to involve your mentors and leaders, or like-minded friends to help you with this assessment.

Using the following scale:

Strongly Disagree – **1**    Disagree – **2**  
Neither Agree nor Disagree – **3**  
Agree – **4**    Strongly Agree – **5**

Next Steps		Self-Assessment Questions	Response
 CONNECT	With God	I believe Jesus Christ provides the only way for a relationship with God and I understand the value of walking intimately with Him.	
		I pray because I am aware of my complete dependence on God for everything in my life and I believe in the power of prayer.	
		I have a daily personal devotional life.	
	With God's Family	I understand that being a child of God is to be a part of a community of believers.	
		I believe that my spiritual growth is deeply linked with my involvement with God's church.	
		The decisions I make reveal my priority in being meaningfully engaged in life group and Sunday services.	
	Others with God	I understand that as a disciple of Christ, I play a part in winning souls for Christ.	
		There is a growing burden in my heart to help others know Jesus personally and it is shown in my praying for my family and friends to know Jesus.	
		I share my faith in Christ with pre-believers at least once a month.	
 GROW	In Faith	I understand that being a disciple of Christ is a lifelong journey of growing my trust in Him, growing to know His will for me and that I need Him in this journey.	
		I have a growing desperation to see God move in my life and it is evident in my growing prayer life.	
		My commitment demonstrates that I prioritise my personal and corporate prayer life (life group and church prayer meetings).	
	In Maturity	I understand I am on a lifelong journey of growing to be more like Jesus.	
		I desire to grow in my obedience to God, to allow Him to mould and shape me into who He wants me to be.	

		I allow other Christians such as my mentor, to hold me accountable for my spiritual growth and actively seek to develop myself through courses like CDS.
	<b>In Covenant</b>	I understand what it means to commit my relationship to God and His church.
		I desire to live a life that is aligned to the vision and values of God's Kingdom and the local church.
		I am pursuing church membership, tithing and serving faithfully at life group and church.
 <b>SERVE</b>	<b>Empowered</b>	I understand that God has a call for me to make disciples and wants to empower me. As part of that, I am aware of my spiritual gifts.
		I have been baptised with the Holy Spirit and have a deep desire to grow in my gifts.
		I am practising my gifts and growing in moving in the power of the Holy Spirit.
	<b>The Church</b>	I believe that the local church is the hope of the world and God's chosen vehicle in fulfilling the Great Commission.
		I desire to play a part to build God's church by investing my time, talents and treasures as a humble servant.
		I am committed to be trained to grow in pastoral and/or ministry leadership and to train others likewise.
	<b>The World</b>	I believe it is God's heart for every people group to be saved and discipled.
		I desire to see people from every nation follow Jesus, and I want to play my part by growing in new areas of ministry (including pioneering).
		I am committed to go for at least one mission trip a year and/or help out in the aspects of community work.