



If you are a new Christian or new at Grace, there are some fundamental paths that we focus on as we live out this new life in Christ.

The **ESSENTIALS** help us focus on different areas of development and maturity as our new

**LIFE IN CHRIST (2 Cor. 5:17)**

expresses itself in a

**LIFE OF WORSHIP (1 Cor. 10:31)**

Growth

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Worldview

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## YOUR GROWTH

### ...Becoming Like Christ

Romans 8:28-29; Philippians 2:12-13

#### BEING...

At the moment of salvation we have new life in Christ...and a transformation process begins! God is at work IN us and he is working through the circumstances AROUND us. It is all good...and is designed to conform us to the image of Jesus! Real change is finally possible and the abundant life of Christ can truly be our experience.

#### Opportunities:

Sunday Worship Services | Small Groups | Children's/Youth Ministries  
Spiritual Disciplines (Bible Reading, Prayer, Confession, Service, etc.)  
Freedom in Christ | Financial Peace University | Wednesday Night Electives

## YOUR CALLING

### ...Commissioned by Christ

Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:10

#### DOING...

We long for meaningful activity. We need to engage in something that is worth giving our lives for. A life in Christ, is a life that is mobilized and on mission. It is a life that has purpose and direction. We see people and our world differently.

The sovereign God has written a story and he has commissioned a part for each of us to play! History is not random. God is on the move, and is calling us to join Him.

#### Opportunities:

Upward Sports Ministry | Short-term Missions Trips | Children's/Youth Ministries | Community Ministries  
Worship Arts | Helping Hands  
Hunger Center | ACCESS | Commissions  
ABF Leadership | Hospitality Ministries

## YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

### ...The Body of Christ

Romans 12:5; Hebrews 10:24-25

#### CONNECTING...

We were created as relational beings. Nobody wants to travel this life alone. At salvation we are born into the family of God, the church. The church is described as Christ's body and every "member" is needed!

Jesus summed up the Law by saying, "Love God and love your neighbor." There are many verses in Scripture that talk about life with "one another..." Live Connected!

#### Opportunities:

Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs)  
Small Groups | Marriage Retreat  
M.O.P.S. | Women's or Men's Ministries  
DivorceCare | Wednesday Night  
Children's/Youth Ministries  
Art of Marriage

## YOUR WORLDVIEW

### ...The Mind of Christ

Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 2:16

#### THINKING...

So much of the spiritual battle takes place inside of our heads. Our thought life, like a live visual feed, powerfully shapes our beliefs, feelings and actions. *What is true? What is reality? Where can we find real hope? What is God like?* The Word of God must saturate our minds.

Christians often find themselves "seeing things a little differently." We desperately need Christ to renew our minds and shape the way we see God, life and the world around us.

#### Opportunities:

Wednesday Night Electives  
Ashland Christian School (ACS)  
Intro to Grace

