Your Spiritual Journey
Changed People Changing the World

GRACE PLACE
DEDICATION

If this work is dedicated to anyone, it’s dedicated to you—to people who care about their own transformation, to intentionally grow, experience change, and become more and more like Jesus.
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CHAPTER 1: SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

“…be who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:6

Spiritual transformation, discipleship, spiritual formation, spiritual growth—these terms all refer to a process where God is changing people into the image of his son, Jesus. It is his “good work” that he began and will “carry to completion.”

This process begins when we enter into a real and living relationship with Jesus Christ and results in an ever-increasing love for God and for others. Our knowledge of who Jesus is certainly increases, but transformation is not limited to knowledge and mental ascent. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, emphasis added).

While the transformation of our minds is absolutely part of the process (Romans 12:2), Jesus began by saying heart, soul, and strength, which includes our very being, our desires, emotions, actions, and convictions as well as our beliefs and thoughts. God will transform our whole self as we learn to rely on him instead of ourselves, to trust him and his promises, and cooperate with him in his process.

What Causes Transformation?

God does, of course, but we know a bit more about how he does.
The Spiritual Life Survey, a tool designed by Willow Creek Community Church to measure spiritual transformation, has helped Grace Place leaders understand the “catalysts” that cause transformation to take place, and they fall into four categories:

1. Spiritual Beliefs and Attitudes
2. Personal Spiritual Practices
3. Church Activities
4. Spiritual Activities with Others

The catalysts can be our belief/attitude toward salvation by grace alone, that God is a personal God or giving (stewardship). Other catalysts are related to our involvement in activities the church provides, such as regularly attending a church service or small group. Some are related to relationships with others in serving people in need or mentoring. And, of course, practices such as prayer, reading the Bible, and journaling are time-proven catalysts that cause transformation.

The “Golden” Catalyst

It is worth noting that there is one catalyst that stands out above all the rest, and that is Reflection on Scripture. No matter where we may be in our spiritual journey, spending time reading and then reflecting on scripture shows up as a significant cause of transformation.

In Community

While God does his good work in each of us individually, we do not grow effectively in isolation where there is no accountability, no mentoring, and no group of people we are doing life with who know us. We were created to be in community, and it is where we find encouragement and support when we struggle, friendship and connection in life, as well as correction and accountability when we drift and get off track.

The fact is we need each other, and when we intentionally seek out authentic spiritual community and invest in relationships formed on trust and vulnerability, we grow. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” We sharpen each other which is why we need to be in community.
Taking Responsibility

God transforms us, but it is our responsibility to cooperate with him in this process, recognizing that even the desire to do so is a result of God’s pursuit of us. No one can read or reflect on scripture for us, pray (communicate) for us, serve for us, or attend a weekend service or small group for us. It is the responsibility of each individual to engage, and it is the responsibility of Grace Place pastors and staff to lead and provide people with opportunities for intentional growth.

How Did We Get Here?

In addition to the changes made at Grace Place based on what we learned from taking the Spiritual Life Survey on three different occasions, the pastors attended a Spiritual Transformation Intensive at Willow Creek Community Church in May of 2012. We believed we would come away from the intensive with a full-blown, ready-to-implement plan for how Grace Place helps people experience spiritual transformation. In reality, we discovered that while we had taken a big step toward becoming more intentional with how Grace Place makes disciples, it was only one step of many needed in order to develop a way to help people discover where they are and give clear next steps.

Almost a year and a half later, through much soul-searching, prayer, and planning, many more steps have been taken. The rest of this booklet describes Grace Place’s discipleship process. Before Jesus ascended he gave this commission to the eleven disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus has all authority, he tells his disciples to go and make more disciples everywhere, baptize them, and teach them. And he is with us always. This is his will for his church, and because of the promises Jesus made along with this commission, we can do it boldly and with confidence.

Four Segments

Every one of us is at a different place in our spiritual journey, but we do have things in common with others, and the four segments give us a framework to help us discover, or at least give us an idea of where we are so we can know what next steps would be most likely to cause us to grow. The segments are:
1. Exploring Christ
2. Growing in Christ
3. Close to Christ
4. Christ-Centered

As we experience God’s transformation, he moves us along this framework from one segment to another. It is in no way a checklist, and we cannot manufacture or produce our growth. It is more like a temperature gauge or thermometer that simply gives an indication of what already is. Moving from one segment to the next is where we have created three pathways with next steps to each person in their spiritual journey to help them grow.

Grace Place’s mission statement is: Changed People Changing the World, which is aligned with God’s transformation process. As we become changed people, our love for God increases and so does our love for others. We become world changers, and it is God’s love that does it.
CHAPTER 2: THE PATHWAYS

The following are descriptions of the three pathways along with purpose statements. As you read the descriptions you may get a sense which pathway best describes where you are in your spiritual journey.

PATHWAY DESCRIPTIONS

Purpose Statement

To provide a clear pathway for people to move forward in their journey of faith, by helping them identify where they are on the spiritual growth continuum and take next steps to become Christ centered.

Pathway 1: Exploring to Growing in Christ
The purpose of Pathway 1 is to help you develop a personal relationship with Jesus. For transformation to take place your questions need to be asked and answered in order to make the decision to accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, followed by baptism. Once these first steps have been taken it is crucial to engage in the process of discovering how to become a fully committed disciple who learns how to make other disciples. This happens best in *spiritual community* where meaningful friendships can be formed and you are connected with others.

Pathway 2: Growing in Christ to Close to Christ
The purpose of Pathway 2 is to help you grow closer to Jesus. This happens through interaction and intimacy with Jesus by developing spiritual practices that cause you to grow. Your relationship with Jesus becomes
personal and you learn to depend on him daily for guidance, wisdom, and encouragement. Being in spiritual community* with others is something in which you take more responsibility.

Pathway 3: Close to Christ to Christ-Centered
The purpose of Pathway 3 is to help you move toward being Christ-centered with your whole life, fully committed, even willing to risk everything for him. Your life will be characterized by your love for God and your love for others. You take full responsibility for pursuing spiritual practices that keep you connected constantly to Jesus. Because of your love for others, it is your desire to bring them to Jesus and mentor them along the way. Spiritual community* for you may be through mentoring relationships, either one-on-one, or by leading a small group.

*Spiritual Community – can be different things for different people. Grace Place offers small groups, men’s and women’s tables, classes and recovery groups, led by trained leaders, with an intentional focus on spiritual transformation. There are other ways people can experience spiritual community (e.g., spiritual mentors, accountability partners, or serving teams). The responsibility to be in spiritual community is up to each individual.
CHAPTER 3: THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire on the following page will help you better understand where you are on your spiritual journey. Since no two people are alike there is no exact formula for growth, and it is important to note that your results from the questionnaire do not define you or put you in a category. Rather your results should give you an idea, or a starting point where you can begin to take some next steps.

Take a moment right now to pray and ask God to help you answer the questions in a way that will best help you to step into his transformation. Answer them as honestly as you can for who you are right now.
## GRACE PLACE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY SURVEY

Rate on a score of 1 to 5. 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree

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<td>Nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation; salvation is a free gift of God.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>The God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>I love God more than anything else, and I desire Jesus to be first in my life.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>God is actively involved in my life.</td>
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<td>The Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Christ.</td>
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Rate on a score of 1 to 5. 1 being never and 5 being always

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<td>I serve in a church ministry once a month or more.</td>
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<td>I attend weekend services three to four times a month.</td>
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<td>I participate in a small group for spiritual growth once a month or more.</td>
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<td>I participate in adult education classes focused on spiritual topics.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>I reflect daily on Scripture for meaning in my life.</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>I read the Bible to know God, truth, and to find direction for my life.</td>
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<td>I pray daily to confess my sins.</td>
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<td>I pray daily for guidance in my life.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>I set aside time for solitude and to listen to God.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>I currently give 10% or more of my income to my church.</td>
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<td>I talk to a close friend(s) who helps me grow spiritually once a month of more.</td>
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<td>I have six or more meaningful spiritual conversations with non-Christians each year.</td>
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<td>I serve those in need on my own or through my church once a month or more.</td>
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<td>I serve as a spiritual mentor once a month or more.</td>
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**Total**

Add up total score. Write your number here: _______________________

Turn this page over and plot your number on the scale at the top of the page to discover your Spiritual Pathway.
Once you have your score plotted, refer directly below to determine which pathway you are on. Then read the brief descriptions, and see if it best describes you.

**Pathway 1**
- Inquiring but undecided about claims of Christianity
- Struggling with belief in Christ, not with belief in God
- Attending but not involved with church

**Pathway 2**
- On board with core beliefs
- Becoming more comfortable with spiritual practices
- Hesitant to share faith outside walls of church

**Pathway 3**
- Relationship with Christ part of everyday life
- Confident in God’s power & presence
- Connecting daily with God
- Showing signs of transformation
- Head over heels in love with Christ
- Giving, serving & evangelizing
- Committed to mentoring and discipling others

**Exploring**
- Investigating but undecided about claims of Christianity
- Struggling with belief in Christ, not with belief in God
- Attending but not involved with church

**Growing**
- On board with core beliefs
- Becoming more comfortable with spiritual practices
- Hesitant to share faith outside walls of church

**Close**
- Relationship with Christ part of everyday life
- Confident in God’s power & presence
- Connecting daily with God
- Showing signs of transformation
- Head over heels in love with Christ
- Giving, serving & evangelizing
- Committed to mentoring and discipling others
CHAPTER 4: PATHWAY 1

This chapter will give a more detailed look at Pathway 1, the move between Exploring Christ and Growing in Christ.

CLASSES

Inquirer's Class
Do you have questions about Christianity, Jesus, faith, the Bible? Do you wonder what the evidence is regarding the objections to the claims of Christianity? In the Inquirer's Class we take on the objections, and answer your questions through a Grace Place series called “Doubt Your Doubts” over the course of nine weeks.

Attending Weekend Services

Weekend services provide a welcoming environment in which to receive clear, relevant, and bold teaching from the Bible in community. The primary teaching style at Grace Place is verse by verse. In addition, an interactive style of worship provides the opportunity for experiencing God through music, prayer, and testimonies of those transformed by the grace and love of God. Weekend services are a bridge to more intimate settings for transformation, e.g. table and sofa groups and serving opportunities.

GP Orientation Class

Purpose: GP Orientation is the gateway to discovering what you want to know about Grace Place. The class explores our history, vision, core values, and beliefs. It introduces the GP spiritual transformation process. At the end of the class an opportunity is offered to commit to partnering with GP through membership to come alongside as changed people,
changing the world. Our pastors and staff are committed to assisting you in that partnership through care, counsel, prayer, and teaching.

**Frequency:** 6 times per year

**Accepting Christ**

**Purpose:** The God who created you loves you no matter who you are or what you've done. He has also created the way for you to be in relationship with him and experience his profound love and care. The way is Jesus, the Christ, God's son, and Savior of mankind. To be in relationship with the Creator God and his Son Jesus, is to simply believe what the Bible says about him and trust him to change your life.

**Tools:**
- Accepting Christ Brochure
- **Connection Card** – Opportunity to check *Becoming a Follower of Christ* weekly. When interest is indicated, a follow-up letter is sent with an invitation to be contacted by a pastor as well as the brochure. That interest is followed up on one week later.
- **Inquirer’s Class** – Class offered at least three times a year
- **Message Appeals / Calls for Baptism** – The presentation of the gospel, the need to accept Christ and act on that acceptance through baptism will be made routinely.

**Baptism**

**Purpose:** Baptism is a first step that allows a Christ follower to celebrate and share their new life and heart-felt commitment to Christ. In scripture, people were baptized by immersion to symbolize the death to self and resurrection to new life (Romans 6:3-9). Grace Place follows this example and is happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Sign ups:** Baptisms are held quarterly and registration can happen in the following ways:
- **Connection Card:** Sign up any week using the connection card.
- **Brochure:** A brochure containing information and essential teaching about baptism are made available to elementary through high-school age students. Participants fill out necessary information and turn into respective ministry leaders. Elementary-age students are required to have parent signature. Brochures also available for adults.
• **Online:** Participants can register online—providing relevant information including choice of service, individual(s) that want to perform the baptism, etc. The online registration is designed for elementary, middle / high-school, and adult participants respectively.
  - Registered participants will receive correspondence affirming registration and containing logistical information regarding the baptism itself (bring towel, change of clothes, etc.).

**Baptism Service:** Registered participant’s check in with coordinator(s) prior to service in which they are scheduled for purposes of organizing the order of the baptisms and collecting of information. Coordinators are identified by badges. They too are responsible for check-in, organizing order of baptisms, and collecting information from those deciding to be baptized without registration.

**Classes**
- 1st - 5th graders to have one-on-one sessions rather than classroom setting, covering essentials of baptism and determining readiness.
  - The minimum age to be baptized, in general, is first grade.
- Classes are held for middle / high-school students prior to baptism covering the essentials and meaning of baptism.
- Classes are held before or following the baptism for adults.

**Follow-up**
- 5th grade and under receive a Bible, certificate, and DVD of service. Adults receive certificate of baptism.
- Adults are invited to participate in mentoring through a discipleship class (Multiply) or one-on-one.

**Discipleship**

**Purpose:** "Follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). This was a promise: Jesus would take his disciples and turn them into disciple makers. And this was a command: he called each of his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey Him (Matt. 28:19-20). “Multiply” is a 12 week journey toward becoming a disciple of Jesus who makes disciples, and it is especially effective right after baptism and can be done one-on-one with a mentor, in a class, or in a small group setting.
Attending a Small Group

**Purpose:** Being in a small group, men’s or women’s table is a meaningful way to be in spiritual community with others which is a proven way to experience spiritual transformation. In Acts 2:46-47 we see the church meeting together in small groups in homes where they were connected to each other and certainly had a sense of belonging. It is also an easy way to meet and get to know new people. Current small groups and tables can be found by creating an account at: graceplace.tableproject.org.

Serving in a Ministry

**Purpose:** Service is one of the most important catalysts for growth in a Christian’s life. Jesus set the example by not coming into this world to be served but to serve (Matt. 20:28). As one begins to be interested in who Christ is, a desire sparks in their heart to want to get involved in serving in their church.

Giving Systematically

**Purpose:** To cultivate first time givers and help them become growing givers

- **Education:** Give first time givers the tools, resources, and understanding necessary to become growing givers. People give to vision, not need.

- **Teaching:**
  - Stewardship teaching: at least three times a year
  - Stewardship series: at least once every two years
  - Stewardship testimonies: at least two times a year
  - Giving challenges: special offerings or campaign offerings at least one time a year

- **Through Stewardship Resources:**
  - Online resource: sermon about stewardship
  - Free giving CD available on resource table
  - Giving Option Card
  - Financial Peace University (two times a year)
  - Teach that the church’s ministry is supported by its members.
    - Through the Weekend Service
    - Through FPU Small Groups
    - Through Ministry Teams (net results of giving)
• Equipment purchases
• Building upgrades
• Changed lives
• Decisions for Christ

• Educate people on the different options for giving.
  o Give at the weekend worship services
  o Give through the offering drop box
  o Give online @ www.graceplace.org/give/
  o Give automatically by filling out your debit/credit card information on a giving envelope.
  o Give at our kiosk
  o Give by mailing your gift into our office, using our postage paid giving envelope.

Life Matters

Refer to Chapter 7 for more information on Life Matters. Certain issues regarding transformation happen regardless of where one may be on their spiritual journey (i.e. divorce, grief, financial issues, etc.).
CHAPTER 5: PATHWAY 2

This chapter will give a more detailed look at Pathway 2, the move between Growing in Christ and Close to Christ.

Consistent Weekend Worship Service Participation

Consistent participation in weekend worship services will enhance your spiritual transformation through exposure to in-depth biblical teaching, challenges to examine your life in light of the teachings of Jesus, and instruction on how to conform to the truths taught. Biblical teaching is combined with interactive worship through music, prayer, and testimonies. In addition, consistent participation will assist you in making correct decisions regarding next step transformation opportunities by staying informed and encouraged.

CLASSES

Financial Peace University

Purpose: Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-week class on money, taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more!

Spiritual Practices (Disciplines)

Purpose: Christian practices or disciplines strengthen our foundation as a Christ-follower. We tend to think of discipline in a negative way – rules, punishment, limitations, etc. The biblical emphasis on discipline results in joy and a better sense of relationship with Jesus and each other.
• **Suggested Tools**
  o Christian Disciplines
  o Christian Character
  o Christian Beliefs
  o Discipleship Essentials

• **Frequency** – once a semester or as needed.

**Spiritual Gifts**

**Purpose:** Spiritual gifts are tools God gives to assist Christ-followers in doing the work of ministry. They are the primary channel by which the Holy Spirit ministers to the body. Gifts are expressed through various ministries which accomplish a variety of results.

• **Suggested Tools**
  o “Some Assembly Required” booklet
  o Online assessments (i.e., www.churchgrowth.org/analysis)

• **Frequency:** Following each GP Orientation Class

**Life’s Healing Choices**

**Purpose:** An eight-step Christian recovery program geared toward enjoying spiritual freedom from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. These eight steps to spiritual freedom (admitting need, getting help, letting go, coming clean, making changes, repairing relationships, maintaining momentum, and recycling pain) promise to help Christians overcome many kinds of addictive behaviors.

**Consistent Small Group Involvement**

**Purpose:** Being a part of a Small Group becomes more consistent in Pathway 2. As you take more responsibility for your spiritual growth, this becomes a discipline that you engage in regularly. In Acts 2:46-47 we see the church meeting together in small groups in homes where they experienced spiritual community together. Current small groups can be found by creating an account at: graceplace.tableproject.org.

**Accountability Relationships**

**Purpose:** Accountability works best in established relationships with others you already know well. Trust must be built, and it will take time and intentionality for genuine accountability to take place. It might be helpful to make a list of friends you have of the same gender who you could meet
with face-to-face, someone you could share life’s burdens and pains with, reveal your struggles and receive prayer, encouragement, and accountability.

**Serving Those in Need**

**Purpose:** As one is growing in Christ, love will increase in their life for others and they will desire to serve those in need, and develop relationships with them. Grace Place encourages individuals to put their love of God into action by committing to a ministry and developing relationships with people through serving them.

**Suggested Opportunities** (All listed opportunities can take place on any pathway. These are just suggestions.)

- Agape Food Ministry
- Can-Do-Crew
- Nurse Ministry
- LIONs Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity
- House of Neighborly Services
- Wednesday Lunches
- Front Porch Ministry
- Christmas in Berthoud
- Berthoud Living Center

**Giving Proportionally**

**Purpose:** To cultivate Growing Givers and help them become mature givers who are percentage-based, systematic givers.

**Education:** Teach the biblical basis for stewardship during the weekend worship services.

- Utilize an annual giving challenge to motivate people to give regularly over a set period of time.
- Provide two Financial Peace University classes per year.
- Utilize Orientations/Membership Class to promote the importance of regular giving:
  - Use the Membership Covenant to call for a financial commitment.
  - Provide giving options to all membership class attendees, and explain how to use the giving envelope
and other giving options.
- Regularly remind all members about the importance of giving; that we are a member supported church, and the biblical model for giving.

- The six different options for giving.
  - Give at the weekend worship services
  - Give through the offering drop box
  - Give online @ www.graceplace.org/give/
  - Give automatically by filling out your debit/credit card information on a giving envelope.
  - Give at our kiosk
  - Give by mailing your gift into our office, using our postage paid giving envelope.

**Life Matters**

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CHAPTER 6: PATHWAY 3

This chapter will give a more detailed look at Pathway 3, the move between Close to Christ and Christ-Centered.

Mentoring

**Purpose:** The more you become Christ-centered, the more you desire to mentor others to become like Christ. While this may often occur naturally in your interaction with others because of your own spiritual transformation, there are opportunities through Grace Place for mentoring to happen very intentionally. One way is to lead a Sofa Group and mentor from week-to-week those in your group. The same would apply for leading a men’s or women’s table through Waterboyz or Waterlilyz. A second way is to mentor someone one-on-one who has just been baptized through a tool called “Multiply.” Mentoring others will cause you to grow too while you get to be a part of helping others grow.

CLASSES

**Purpose:** The focus of classes is training and equipping people for a deeper understanding of Christ, Scripture, theology, and leadership, resulting in spiritual transformation.

Classes on the following subjects may include but are not limited to:

- How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth (Fee & Stewart)
- A Theology of the NT (Ladd)
- A Survey of the NT (Gundry)
- Doctrine (Driscoll)
- Across the Spectrum (Boyd & Eddy)
• OT Survey (Eerdmans)
• Evangelism (IVP)
• Foundations of the Faith (Boice - IVP)
• Biblical Exegesis (John Knox Press)
• Practical Theology offerings (church growth, leadership, etc.)
• Biblical Counseling (Baker Books)

**Frequency:** Once per semester

**Sharing Your Faith**

**Purpose:** The desire to share your faith increases the more your life is impacted and changed by Jesus. Sharing your faith often results in inviting people far from God to church, but it is more than that. It is a willingness and desire to be vulnerable with sharing what your life was like before Jesus changed you and what it is like since in a way that compels people to seek Jesus. It is something you do quite naturally and largely on your own, but it is a marker of becoming Christ-Centered.

**Serving Beyond the Church**

**Purpose:** At the stage of being deeply in love with Christ, one will want to do everything they can to share Jesus’ love with others by serving them. A person will desire to be involved in building relationships beyond the church. They will see the value of going to people to share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

**Suggested Opportunities** (All listed opportunities can take place on any pathway. These are just suggestions.)

- Mission Trips
- Safe Houses
- Foster Parenting
- Leading various ministries
- LIONs

**Giving Sacrifically**

**Purpose:** Cultivate mature givers to become generous givers who give above and beyond their regular giving as needs arise and the Lord leads.

**Education:** Educate people to bring the full tithe and beyond to God as an act of joyful worship.
• Teach that stewardship is a key ingredient in discipleship.
• Utilize Financial Peace University to communicate the importance of tithing and reinforce the various giving options.
• Set expectations that ministry leaders are mature givers.

The six different options for giving.
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• Give online @ www.graceplace.org/give/
• Give automatically by filling out your debit/credit card information on a giving envelope.
• Give at our kiosk
• Give by mailing your gift into our office, using our postage paid giving envelope.

Accountability: To hold staff and key ministry team leaders accountable to model the Biblical principles of tithing in their personal giving and to empower them to challenge their teams to do the same.

Life Matters

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CHAPTER 7: LIFE MATTERS

Life happens and life matters. It does not matter which pathway we may be on or what specifically God may be working on in our lives, we all have events that take place. Someone dies we are close to; our marriage falls apart; we have a financial or health challenge, etc. We call these Life Matters because they happen whether we are new believers or fully committed. But God uses these events in his process of transformation in our lives.

**Purpose:** Regardless of the season of life we find ourselves, there are insights to aide in making the journey easier. Life Matters provides the opportunity for sharing those valuable insights. Classes on the following subjects may include, but are not limited to:

**Suggested Topics/Tools**

- Parenting
- Marriage
- Men
- Women
- Grief Recovery
- Divorce Care
- Finances
- Health
- Understanding Ourselves
- “Financial Peace University”
- Divorce Care
- “Passages of Marriage”
- “Preparing for Marriage”
Your Spiritual Journey

- “33” (authentic manhood)
- “Rocking the Roles”
- “Happily Remarried”
- “Love Is An Orientation”
- “Life’s Healing Choices” (LHC)
- Abortion Recovery
- Exercise
- Diet and Health Issues
- Temperaments and Personalities
- “Strengths Finder 2.0”

Frequency: Once a Semester

Tuesday Night Shift

One of the results of intentionality and pursuit of understanding how God transforms people is Tuesday Night Shift, a semester-based opportunity for Grace Place to come together and grow by engaging in environments designed to support the three pathways and Life Matters.

Example Schedule

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Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Worship: 6:00 – 6:30 PM
Classes: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Midweek Camps: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Child Care: Provided