



The Kingdom

Welcome!

Developing a kingdom mind-set



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The Kingdom of God

**a future realm and a present reality
that are both distinguished
by Jesus Christ's authority,
rule and reign in a person's life**



*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.*

Psalms 119:105



Why should I use this tool?

1. Do I want wisdom?



*The fear of the Lord is the beginning
of knowledge, but fools despise
wisdom and discipline.*

Proverbs 1:7



Why should I use this tool?

2. Do I want to be blessed?



*But if you look carefully into
the perfect law that sets you free,
and if you do what it says
and don't forget what you heard,
then God will bless you for doing it.*

James 1:25



Why should I use this tool?

3. Do I want to be successful in life?



*...And don't for a minute let
this Book of The Revelation be out of
mind. Ponder and meditate on it day
and night, making sure
you practice everything written in it.
Then you'll get where you're going;
then you'll succeed...*

Joshua 1:8



Why should I use this tool?

**4. Do I want to read a story
that reflects my life?**



Why should I use this tool?

**5. Do I want to build my life
on a sturdy foundation?**



*“Therefore everyone who hears
these words of mine and puts them
into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.”*

Matthew 7:24-27



“The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-27



*“But everyone who hears these words
of mine and does not put them
into practice is like a foolish man
who built his house on sand.”*

Matthew 7:24-27



*“The rain came down,
the streams rose, and the winds blew
and beat against that house,
and it fell with a great crash.”*

Matthew 7:24-27



Why should I use this tool?

6. Do I want to take my own advice?



We Discovered a Spiritual Continuum

"I believe in God, but I am not sure about Christ. My faith is not a significant part of my life."

"I believe in Jesus and I am working on what it means to get to know him."

"I feel really close to Christ and depend on him daily for guidance."

"My relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. It guides everything I do."

Exploring Christ

Growing in Christ

Close to Christ

Christ-Centered

***Spiritual Growth Occurs
in Three Movements
Across the Spiritual
Continuum***

**Exploring
Christ**

**Growing in
Christ**

**Close to
Christ**

**Christ-
Centered**

**1
MOVEMENT**

**2
MOVEMENT**

**3
MOVEMENT**



How Personal Spiritual Practices Advance Spiritual Growth

Exploring
Christ

Growing in
Christ

Close to
Christ

Christ-
Centered

MOVEMENT
1

MOVEMENT
2

MOVEMENT
3

Reflection on Scripture
Rare to Frequent

Reflection on Scripture
Frequent

Reflection on Scripture
Frequent to Daily

Northwoods Community Church's Participation in Four Key Individual Spiritual Practices

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE	Exploring Christianity	Growing in Christ	Close to Christ	Christ-Centered	Total
Bible Study <i>(daily)</i>	2% ↓↓↓	13%	25%	49%	25%
Reflection on Scripture <i>(daily)</i>	0% ↓↓↓	11% ↑	20% ↓	51%	24%
Prayer <i>(daily)</i>	10% ↓	30% ↑	47%	59%	41%
Solitude <i>(several times per week)</i>	14%	33%	63%	75%	51%
Tithing <i>(10% or more)</i>	6% ↓↓↓	34%	47%	61%	43%

SOAP

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer



Scripture



*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures, he leads me beside
quiet waters, he restores my soul.*

Psalm 23



*He guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil, for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me.*

Psalm 23



*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. Surely goodness
and love will follow me all the days
of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23



Observation



*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.*

Psalms 23:1



*He makes me lie down in green
pastures, he leads me beside
quiet waters,*

Psalm 23:2



*he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.*

Psalm 23:3



*Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil, for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me.*

Psalm 23:4



*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

Psalm 23:5



*Surely goodness
and love will follow me all the days
of my life, and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23:6



Application



Prayer





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Walking in kingdom authority



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