

EMBRACING the SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

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Discipline of **EXPLORATION**: “I will investigate the ways of Jesus”

Look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in. -CS Lewis

- *Attend church weekly
- *Find Your Chair and READ God’s Word every day:
 - Use Grace Church’s [READ plan](#)
 - Find a reading plan on the YouVersion Bible app or [website](#)
 - If you’re new to reading the Bible start with the Gospel of Luke or John!
- *Memorize Scripture

Discipline of **IMITATION**: “I will emulate the practices of Jesus”

We can become like Christ by doing one thing – by following him in the overall style of life he chose for himself. If we have faith in Christ, we must believe that he knew how to live. We can, through faith and grace, become like Christ by practicing the types of activities he engaged in, by arranging our whole lives around the activities he himself practiced in order to remain constantly at home in the fellowship of the Father. -Dallas Willard

- *Live in Community
 - Connect with a [LifeGroup](#)
 - Find a Mentor or Prayer Partner
- *Prioritize Prayer
 - Explore the prayers of the Bible
 - Make the Psalms a regular part of your prayer life
 - Use this simple [5-part prayer method](#) from the Navigators
 - [The School of Prayer](#)- a sermon series
- *Make space and time for Silence and Solitude
 - “[How to Practice the Spiritual Discipline of Silence](#)” from RZIM
- *Practice Fasting
 - Understand why in [this article](#) from The Gospel Coalition

Discipline of **ACTION**: “I will be the hands and feet of Jesus.”

Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God. -William Carey

- *Serve Others
 - [City](#)
 - [World](#)
- *Practice Hospitality
 - [Art of Neighboring](#)

*Practice Stewardship

-[Giving](#)

-[Balanced](#)- a sermon series

Additional Resources:

["Getting Close to God"](#) - a sermon series on spiritual disciplines

RightNow Media- sign up for a *free* account [here](#) and get started with hundreds of video resources.

From RNM: ["The Disciplines of Abiding"](#) - a 3-part course on prayer, fasting and giving thanks

Learn more about [fasting](#), [prayer](#) and [Bible reading](#) from Cru.org

Book- *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us*- Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, IVP Books

Book- *Practices of Love: Spiritual Disciplines for the Life of the World*- Kyle David Bennett, Brazos Press