

SMALL GROUP NEXT STEP IDEAS

Instructions: We all have next steps we need to take. This week we are featuring potential next steps you might take in a specific area you need to START. We hope this list will help get your ideas flowing!

- START getting more sleep! Set a reasonable bedtime, decide how many hours of sleep you need and make a plan.
- START moving! Go for a walk, start an exercise program, do a 15-minute workout, etc.
- START going to a counselor to get the help you need!
- START meeting with a mentor who can help you take healthy life steps.
- START setting more time aside for personal Bible reading and prayer.
- START being intentional about church attendance and engagement.
- START praying for your kids' future friends and spouse.
- START complimenting your child/spouse/friend at least once a day.
- START praying with your kids before school and before bedtime.
- START saying "hello" to the neighbors you don't know...yet.
- START going into Caribou and talk to the barista instead of just going through the drive through.
- START saving a set amount per paycheck to build an emergency fund.
- START working on a budget...then START sticking to it!
- START making your bed everyday!
- START saying "please" and "thank you"!
- START leaving your work at work. Your family will thank you.

We are excited to see what NEXT STEP you START. Email us at NextStep@myriversidechurch.com and let us know what you've decided to START. (We'd like to post what Riversiders are doing on Riverside's Instagram & Facebook page during the journey. We'll include your NEXT STEP if you'd like - just let us know!)



DIVINE DIRECTION

MESSAGE NOTES & NEXT STEP IDEAS

START
September 9, 2018



“START”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

How can I know God's _____ for my life?

The _____ we make today shape what our story will be tomorrow...

What happens to many people today is we're afraid of making a less than perfect decision, so we make _____ decision, and _____ decision is often worse than a less than perfect decision.

When it comes to God's will, what does God _____ about?

1. _____ Before _____

Note 1 Thessalonians 4:3a

“be holy” = “agios” = “set apart...be _____”

Jesus is always more interested in our _____...than our job/career.

Focus on who you are, focus on becoming like Jesus, and focus on _____

Jesus where you are right now.

2. _____ Before _____

Our problem is the person we are most capable of _____ is the same person we see when we look in the mirror.

Jeremiah 17:9

There are 2 reasons why everyone does something: the reason we _____ others, and the _____ reason.

Note Psalm 139:23-24

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Note Colossians 3:17—...whatever you do...

Wherever you live, work, whatever chapter of life you are in, _____ Him there.

Instead of asking, God, what do you want me to _____? The better question is, God, who do you want me to _____?

When it comes to Divine direction:

- How could Jesus do what He did?
- Jesus' teachings are not so much about career, but about _____...
- When you get the “who” right, you _____ more. When you get the “why” right, the what has _____. (Groeschel)
- This is where divine direction _____.
- The first step in receiving divine direction is to say “_____” to Jesus as Lord.
- Is it time to let God work on my motives and character before the do or the what of my life?

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When it comes to God's will, what does God care about?

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2. Why Before What

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