

# 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/way in which you need to TRUST. We hope this list will help get some ideas started for you.

- TRUST God always has your best interest in mind - He truly does!
- TRUST God with whatever you've been holding back.
- TRUST Him with your future spouse, or your child's future spouse.
- TRUST Him with your current spouse; He loves them more than you possibly every could!
- TRUST Him with your children when they're not making the best choices.
- TRUST Him when the diagnosis isn't what you'd hoped for.
- TRUST Him even when everything is going great!
- TRUST God to be able to work no matter how difficult life's curves have been recently.
- TRUST God when your friends are saying mean things on social media.
- TRUST God to guide your decisions about college and your career.
- TRUST Him to provide even if you currently are unemployed.
- TRUST Him to help you overcome your addiction...one day at a time.
- TRUST Him that your decision to go to the gym this week will see results in your overall health.
- TRUST that God is interested in your BIG things, but also the SMALL.
- TRUST God when it seems as if your next step is too difficult to take.

We are excited to see what NEXT STEP you take as you TRUST God. Email us at

**NextStep@myriversidechurch.com** and let us know the ways in which you've decided to TRUST.

Your **Small Group Guide** will help you process what it means to TRUST as well as what your next step might look like. Get your copy by the resource area near the worship center or go to [www.myriversidechurch.com/smallgroups](http://www.myriversidechurch.com/smallgroups) to see the digital copy.



# DIVINE DIRECTION

## MESSAGE NOTES & NEXT STEP IDEAS

**TRUST**  
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**“TRUST”**  
**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

In this journey we've seen over and over again the truth that we make decisions and those decisions \_\_\_\_\_...that what \_\_\_\_\_ today is mostly the result of the decisions we've made in the past...and the decisions...we make today will \_\_\_\_\_ what we will become tomorrow.

The reality is that we can become more decisive and receive divine direction more consistently as we trust God's \_\_\_\_\_.

The longer we follow Jesus, the more often we will experience:

**1. The “\_\_\_\_\_” of the Spirit (note Acts 20:22-24)**

*Deoho* = \_\_\_\_\_...compelled...constrained...(like a \_\_\_\_\_ pulling you in a direction).

Sometimes it might seem to be something really \_\_\_\_\_ where God wants to direct/redirect us; other times it may seem insignificant, but ends up being more \_\_\_\_\_ than we ever realized.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertainty (note Acts 20:22)**

The reality is we think we'll be better off if we know all the \_\_\_\_\_ before we follow God's direction; but God actually knows that we can't handle all the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Note Psalm 119:105*

God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet; not a \_\_\_\_\_ to the future.

My plan is to be obedient \_\_\_\_\_, to be faithful to take a next step.

This pushes us towards \_\_\_\_\_. (*note Hebrews 11:6*).

**3. Inevitable R\_\_\_\_\_ (note Acts 20:22-23)**

We're ready to receive divine direction when we're ready to face resistance/opposition for our \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.

Virtually anything significant we do for Jesus will be met with some \_\_\_\_\_ of resistance.

Sometimes resistance and challenges and tough things aren't signs we're \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_, but that we're doing exactly what God called us to do.

The \_\_\_\_\_ today are building the strength/wisdom we need tomorrow.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ Confidence (note Acts 20:24)**

Paul made an eternal difference not because he had a detailed \_\_\_\_\_ year plan for the future; but he did have a commitment to follow the “tug” of the Spirit daily, not knowing every detail, knowing it wouldn't always be easy, but that his life would always be about \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ others to know and love Jesus, too.

...he did all of this and more because he was absolutely confident that it wasn't about his career/\_\_\_\_\_, but it was all about glorifying Jesus in every possible way.

**When it comes to Divine direction:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ before do.
- \_\_\_\_\_ before what.
- When we're all about Jesus today, we don't have to worry about \_\_\_\_\_ on something because we're doing exactly what God wants us to do, and we can trust Him to lead us and we will glorify Him.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



## “CONNECT” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

In this journey we've seen over and over again the truth that we make decisions those decisions make us...that what we are today is mostly the result of the decisions we've made in the past...and the decisions...we make today will shape what we will become tomorrow.

The reality is that we can become more decisive and receive divine direction more consistently as we trust God's process.

The longer we follow Jesus, the more often we will experience:

### 1. The “Tug” of the Spirit (note Acts 20:22-24)

*Deoho* = bound...compelled...constrained... (like a cord pulling you in a direction).

Sometimes it might seem to be something really big where God wants to direct/redirect us; other times it may seem insignificant but ends up being more important than we ever realized.

### 2. Certain Uncertainty (note Acts 20:22)

The reality is we think we'll be better off if we know all the details before we follow God's direction; but God actually knows that we can't handle all the details.

Note Psalm 119:105

God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet; not a floodlight to the future.

My plan is to be obedient today, to be faithful to take a next step.

This pushes us towards faith (note Hebrews 11:6).

### 3. Inevitable Resistance (note Acts 20:22-23)

We're ready to receive divine direction when we're ready to face resistance/opposition for our obedience to Jesus. Virtually anything significant we do for Jesus will be met with some level of resistance.

Sometimes resistance and challenges and tough things aren't signs we're out of God's will, but that we're doing exactly what God called us to do.

The struggles today are building the strength/wisdom we need tomorrow.

### 4. Unique Confidence (note Acts 20:24)

Paul made an eternal difference not because he had a detailed 10 year plan for the future; but he did have a commitment to follow the “tug” of the Spirit daily, not knowing every detail, knowing it wouldn't always be easy, but that his life would always be about loving Jesus and inviting others to know and love Jesus, too.

...he did all of this and more because he was absolutely confident that it wasn't about his career/legacy, but it was all about glorifying Jesus in every possible way.

*When it comes to Divine direction:*

- Who before do.
- Why before what.

- When we're all about Jesus today, we don't have to worry about missing out on something because we're doing exactly what God wants us to do, and we can trust Him to lead us and we will glorify Him.

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