

Matthew 19:16-21 NIV – Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?” 17 “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.” 18 “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” 20 “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?” 21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

The word “perfect” means complete in all its parts, finished, having no part wanting.

One of the greatest tragedies in our culture is the tragedy of immaturity. We often confuse “maturity” with “perfection,” when in reality, maturity is actually about living for a designated purpose and about how much we are loving and living like Jesus in our own circumstances. Spiritual maturity is seen in the disciple who effortlessly does what Jesus would do in his or her place.

Colossians 1:24-29 NIV

Typical gamer in America is 35 years old.
10,000 hours of playing video games before a student turns 18.

The Untruth of Fragility: What doesn't kill you makes you weaker.
The Untruth of Emotional Reasoning: Always trust your feelings.
The Untruth of Us vs Them: Life is a battle between good and evil people.

Failure to Launch

Signs of Spiritual Immaturity
Easily Swayed By False Doctrines
Can't Handle Deep Teaching
Judge People By Natural Standards
Give In To Sinful Desires
Lack Discernment
Slaves To The Opinions Of Others

Hebrews 5:12-14 ESV

You haven't been rescued from your sin to squander your destiny in adolescent faith.

“Spiritual maturity is seen in the disciple who effortlessly does what Jesus would do in his or her place.” – Dallas Willard

A Dwelling Place Church Core Value – Maturity Journey

1) The central practice that will produce spiritual maturity is engagement with SCRIPTURE.

2) Maturity is a process and it takes time.

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” – Luke 2:42

Infant – Child – Adolescent – Adult
Infant: Consumer
Child: Certainty
Adolescent: Challenge
Adult: Contribution

The Cost of Maturity

Physical growth is almost always automatic. Spiritual growth is almost always a choice.

Colossians 1:24 – Suffering

Committing to Becoming Spiritually Mature

Three Reasons Why People Fail To Move Forward:

Discouragement
Distraction
Disobedience

Process of Spiritual Maturity – St John of the Cross:

Study the Life of Christ
Pursue Christ's Motives
Welcome Resistance
Reject Being the Center
Embrace Mystery

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GROUP

**Sunday, September 15 -
Connect Group Night**

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening.

GATHER

**Sundays in September -
Questions for Jesus.
We Ask. He Answers.**

9:30a + 11:15a

When Jesus walked the earth, people asked him questions all the time. The God of the Bible is not a God who commands us to accept His existence without question or who silences us when we have doubts, fears, and concerns. Rather, the God of the Bible, and His Son Jesus Christ, invites relationship, invites questions, invites exploration. What questions do you have for Jesus? Join us all month long as we ask Jesus questions.

**Friday, September 17, 10p - 6a
All Night Prayer**

Join us for a night of prayer and worship. Each hour represents a different form of prayer. There will also be prayer stations available all night long. Stay for the whole night or just stop in at any time. We hope you will make plans to join us for this impactful night.

**Sunday, October 10, 5p - 6p
Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Join us for our Groundbreaking Ceremony on Springfield Drive! We will unite in prayer, worship, and dedication on our new land and officially break ground! "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

**Saturday, October 2, 10a -
DP Ladies Day Out**

Join us for a day out with the ladies! Register and find out more details at the Next Steps table in the lobby!

GROW

**Thursday, September 16, 7p -
9p Night Three of our Fall
Semester of Growth Phases**

It's not too late to join us for this session! Get signed up today at the Next Steps table.

GIVE

**"His Blueprint" Capital
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!**

We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022

\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GO

**Be on the lookout for upcoming
opportunities to serve our
community in the coming weeks!**