



FAMILY 101

STUDY GUIDE

SEGMENT 1 – STUDY GUIDE

Whether you're new to our church or you've been coming for a while, our Next Steps Small Group is exactly that; simple next steps for you to get connected and involved here at Vintage Church. Think of Next Steps as the official growth & membership track at our church.

Event Objectives

1. Opportunity to commit to a relationship with _____.
2. Understand the _____ and _____ of Vintage Church.
3. Determine if Vintage Church is my _____.

Spiritual Family

The foundation of our relationship with each other is _____.

Salvation

Christianity is first and foremost about _____ rather than _____. It is about a person more than a philosophy. It is about the most important relationship of all—our relationship with Christ. Relationships are exciting! They are the most important aspects of our lives.

Why do I need salvation?

1. Man is _____. You and I were created to live in relationship with God. However, sin separates us from God and it always leaves us with something missing in our lives.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:23***

2. The wages of sin is _____.

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 6:23***

3. Jesus paid for our _____.

*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8***

4. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the _____.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6

5. We must confess Him as Lord and _____.

*"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." **Romans 10:9-10***

How to start or re-start a relationship with God

1. _____ you are a sinner.

*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:38***

2. _____ in the finished work of the cross.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***

3. _____ your faith in what God has done through Jesus Christ.

*If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **Romans 10:9-10***

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I come to you today a sinner in need of a Savior. Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross for me—for shedding your blood for me. Jesus, I let go of my past, and I turn to you—I turn to the cross. Come into my life. Forgive me. Wash me. Cleanse me with your blood. Jesus, I take my life, and I put it in your hands. From this day forward, I belong to you.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tell us your name and about your immediate family.
2. What do you do for a living?
3. What's something interesting about yourself?
4. How did you hear about Vintage Church?

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Our Story

Pastor Stephen and Kyla Martin have served in the local church for over 16 years in both pastoral and support roles. Stephen served as an Intern and Apprentice at Oneighty, the nationally acclaimed youth ministry of Church On The Move in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2005, they moved to Saint Louis, Missouri to plant a church with their senior pastors, Pastor Erik and Christy Lawson of Element Church. In 2009, they moved to Denver, Colorado, where Pastor Stephen served as Creative Director and College Pastor at Jubilee Fellowship Church, a large multi-site church, while Kyla completed medical school. Kyla is a Captain and Family Physician in the United States Army and currently serves as the Brigade Surgeon for the 69th ADA at Fort Hood. They have two beautiful daughters; Adilyn and Breelyn.

Vintage Church's story began with a single step of faith. Our prayer each day is that God would continue to use us for His glory and allow us the opportunity to see more lives changed through the power of Jesus Christ.

Our hope is that you will find Vintage Church a place you can connect with God, find meaningful friendships, and call home.

Our Mission is...

_____ People (*Decisions & Baptisms*)
& _____ Lives (*New Leaders & Disciples*)

Our Vision. We exist so that people can...

1. _____ – Weekend Services.

Our services are designed so that you can experience God through worship and the Word. You can invite your friends to attend, regardless of their background with God.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

2. _____ – Small Groups

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

3. _____ – Next Steps

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord...Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27

4. _____ – Vintage Teams

Our Core Values

Core values define what we live for. They describe who we are and how we do the work of the ministry.

1. _____ – The Bible is a God-inspired story about Jesus, from cover to cover. The Bible has full authority. (We hold to a conservative theological position.)
2. _____ – Our mission is Reaching People, Building Lives. People matter to God, and they should matter to us.
3. _____ – God places us in a Spiritual Family. Family is a true need of everyone! We believe Vintage Church is a Spiritual Family.
4. _____ – Generosity is always the outcome of a life lived for Jesus. Jesus is the greatest giver.
5. _____ – The by product of our values, to develop, grow, and excel in all areas of life.

Our Doctrinal Beliefs

1. _____ – The scriptures are God’s divinely inspired words and therefore are our sole authority for life.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Timothy 3:16

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2. _____ – There is one God who co-exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is equal in authority and nature, but they fulfill different roles.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

3. _____ – Salvation is the free gift of God for the redemption of man from the power and penalty of sin. Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, salvation is offered to all who by faith accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-10

4. _____ – Every believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit at conversion. Every believer can also live a Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered life. We believe all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in operation in the church today, through the lives of believers.

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Our Biblical Practices

1. _____ is an important step of obedience following salvation. It is an opportunity for a Christian to publically profess their faith in Christ.

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38

2. _____ is a practice that is meant to be observed over and over throughout the life of a Christian. It is a holy time of worship when we corporately come together as one body to remember and celebrate what Christ did for us.

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body. Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:26-28

3. _____ a covenant relationship between God, one man and one woman, for life. The scriptures limit the expression of human sexuality to a marital relationship between a man and a woman, which is the only legitimate and acceptable Biblical relationship.

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” **Genesis 2:24***

4. _____ Committed believers tithe their income as a way of honoring God. We recognize that giving the first 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” **Malachi 3:10***

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Organizational Structure

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

Church Governance

Vintage Church is senior-pastor & staff led but is under the ultimate authority of our Board of Overseers.

- _____ is the head of the church.
- _____ provides safety and accountability.
- _____ leads the **Directional Leadership Team** that governs the day-to-day operations of Vintage Church and is responsible for the Vintage Church staff.
- _____ executes the day-to-day operations of Vintage Church.
- _____ do the work of the ministry by caring for and leading the people in our church and community.

Church Finances

Many people love to give to God, but they need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore, we strive to honestly, and with integrity, reflect God's heart with the resources people give to God.

- Yearly External Audit of all Financials
- % Caps on salaries, buildings & ministry expenses (Senior Pastor's Salary is set by Board of Directors)

Church Membership

Church membership is a value we hold high at Vintage Church. A Christian without a spiritual family is an orphan. We believe that it is God's will that every Christian be connected and joined to a spiritual family.

What it Means to Be a Member

The difference between attendees and members can be summed up in one word: Commitment.

- An Attendee is a _____
- A Member is a _____

What Is The Value Of Membership?

1. It provides _____ and blessing in your walk with Christ.

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” **Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)**

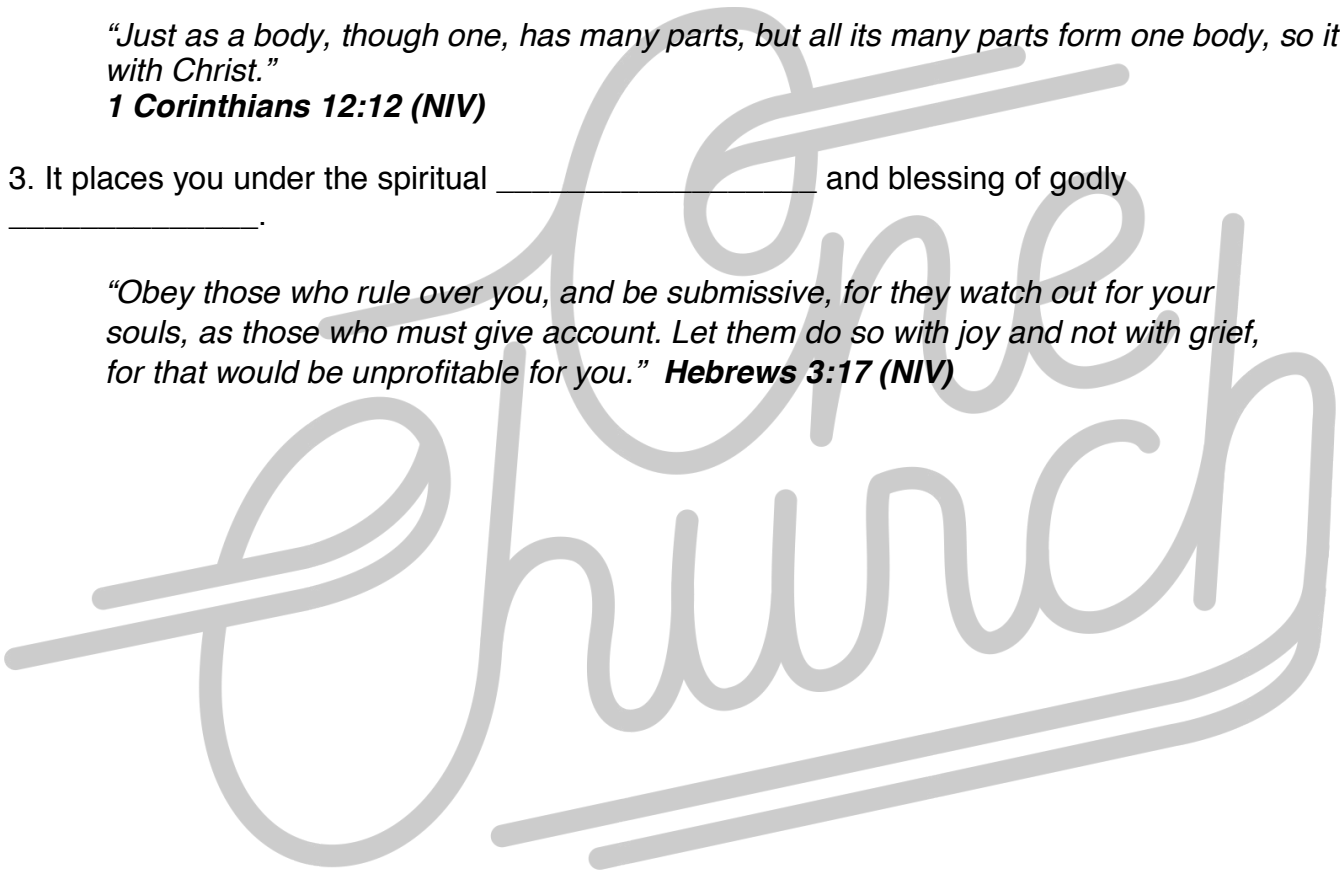
2. It gives you a _____ to discover and use gifts in ministry.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV)

3. It places you under the spiritual _____ and blessing of godly _____.

“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.” **Hebrews 3:17 (NIV)**



Study Guide Answer Key

Segment 1 – Jesus, Mission, Vision, Spiritual Family, Jesus, Relationships, Rules, Sinful, Death, Sins, Life, Savior, Admit, Believe, Confess

Segment 2 – Reaching, Building, Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference, Bible, Mission, Spiritual Family, Generosity, Development, Bible, The Trinity, Salvation, The Holy Spirit, Water Baptism, Communion, Biblical Marriage, Tithing

Segment 3 – Christ, Spiritual Family of Churches, Senior Pastor, Staff, Volunteer Team Members, Consumer, Contributor, Encouragement, Place, Protection, Leaders

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