

Learn about 6 major aspects of following Jesus

1. **Worship:** This often begins by participating in worship gatherings, then beginning personal times of worship, and leads living all of your life as worship.
2. **Hospitality:** This often begins with appreciating the gift of welcome and welcoming others at church. It then expands into a growing acceptance of others. Gradually you find yourself connecting beyond church to share God's welcome.
3. **Opening to Jesus:** This often begins by noticing a prayerful person or appreciating a moment that feels "sacred." You learn to pray, read scripture, listen for God's guidance. You may begin helping others learn to pray and listen and hear God's Word.
4. **Obeying Jesus:** You may notice someone who exemplifies faith to you. You want to know more. As you commit to following Jesus, the freedom you see others find in begins working in your life, too. You live more and more to honor God and you may help others do the same.
5. **Service:** Is there a need that pulls on your heart and mind? You start giving some time here and there. Sharing a talent. Learning that you have special gifts to give, to dedicate to God. You may even help others get active and learn their own gifts!
6. **Generosity:** You may find yourself longing to feel generous. You begin learning that all you are and have is a gift from God. You take stock, reorganize, feel gratitude. You risk sharing. You have enough and enough to share. You spread the joy of giving.

...Now that you know a little about these six aspects of following Jesus, ask,

Am I **exploring** this aspect of following Jesus: feeling curious, drawn, wondering about it and asking, "Why?"

OR

Am I **beginning** in this aspect of following Jesus: getting started, making a beginning commitment, learning about it, asking, "What?"

OR

Am I **growing** in this aspect of following Jesus: practicing at church and in my regular life, learning more about myself and my unique faith story, gifts and call from God, and asking, "How?"

OR

Am I **maturing** in this aspect of following Jesus: taking responsibility for living my faith and growing in it, able to be an encouragement to others, able to mentor and teach, called to share, asking, "What if?"

Now you are ready to start talking about what you found out:

Click here [Contact Us](#) and we'll get you started.

If you have just 5 more minutes, would you please take the [Way 2 survey](#)? While the scoring mechanism is not perfect, it has two benefits: at the end, it will give you some recommendations to get growing that you may find helpful. Also, while keeping your results private, it will give Shady Grove an aggregate report on our community so that we can better target our programming in our goal of all growing together as followers of Jesus.