

Wednesday, March 29

“Friendship has the remarkable possibility of growing our souls. The human spirit shrinks in isolation. That is why God made us for friendships with one another.” (Living the Marks of Discipleship: Real Faith for Real Life; Michael W. Foss pg. 99)

Where are you at?

Searching: I have been drawn to Christians who accept me as if I already belong to them.

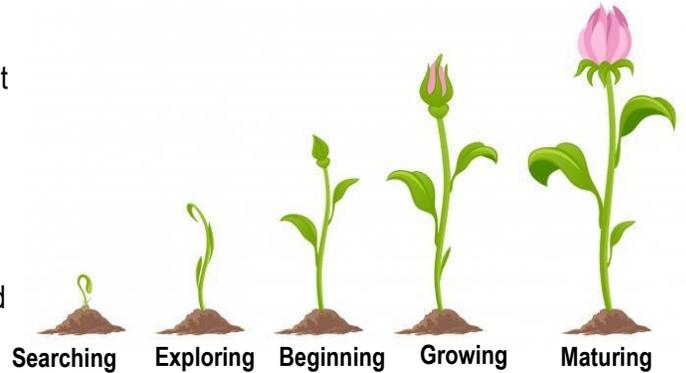
Exploring: I have started going to church occasionally because a friend invited me, and I’m trying to figure out what this faith stuff is all about.

Beginning: I have been called not only to receive, but also to offer God’s gracious acceptance to others.

Growing: I seek to relate to those beyond the church in ways that reflect God’s hospitality to me.

Maturing: I intentionally build relationships with unchurched people in order to share God’s love.

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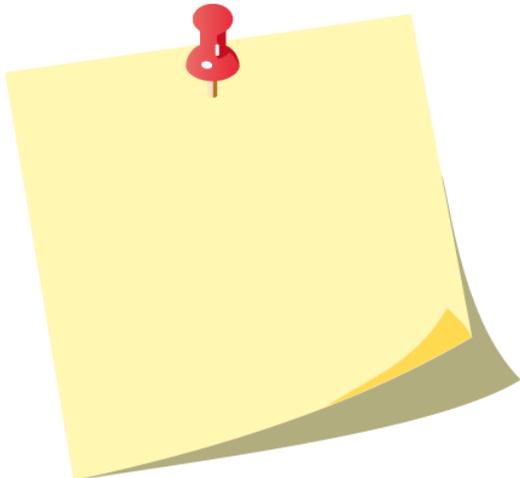
Looking at the list above, where are you at in relationships?

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Write down 24 words that make 3 points or less that you could share with someone in 9 seconds to tell them what difference has Jesus/faith/church made in your life?

“I will follow you Lord, even though I don’t know where you are leading.”

Write down 3 names of friends or family who are not believers. Post them somewhere you’ll see them regularly and pray for the opportunity to share your faith.



Small Group Discussion Questions:

- Where are you at on the range of searching to maturing see above.
- Whom do you consider best friend(s)? Is this friendship based on your shared faith in Christ?
- Have you shared your faith with your friends? Talk about it.
- What would be your “24 words” that you could share with someone to tell them about Jesus?
- We gather in small groups on Wednesdays because that’s how faith is nurtured and grows. Talk about how this going for you.