

# NEXT STEPS RESOURCE

## HOW DO I MEASURE IF GROUP MEMBERS ARE MOVING ONE STEP?

Ask! Make it part of your discussion whether in a group setting or individually. Here are some great questions to guide your conversation:

- How did you get connected to this Small Group?
- What are you most looking forward to in the group?
- Do you attend Deer Creek?
- What brought you to Deer Creek? What made you stay?
- What is your previous experience with church communities?
- Have you ever been part of a Small Group before? What was that like?
- What do you feel like God has been doing in your life lately?
- Are you serving anywhere in the church or community right now?
- What areas of your faith are you hoping to grow in the coming months?
- What are you focused on in your life right now?
- Have you ever been through Deer Creek's Starting Point before? Do you remember what your personality type was or what your spiritual gifts are?
- How can I pray for you?

## WHAT ARE SOME NEXT STEPS I CAN SHARE WITH MY GROUP MEMBERS?

Everyone in your group will be at different places spiritually. The vision of helping them “move one step” is not to get them to do everything at once; it's to help identify where they are currently spiritually and offer a practical next step to help them grow. Some suggested next steps are:

- Invite them to attend a Sunday service with you.
- Share what God has been teaching you personally and see if anything from your own experiences encourages your group member in his/her next step.
- Share how Starting Point can help them and invite them to attend with you.
- Invite them to consider being baptized. Invite your Small Group to be there to celebrate with them.
- Share how you find time regularly to pray, worship, and read the Bible and encourage them to make their own plan for time with God.
- Share a meaningful Bible reading plan with them. Your coach would love to suggest one or several—just ask!
- If they are ready to become a follower of Jesus, offer to pray with them.

*Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.*

**Proverbs 4:26**

