

SMALL GROUP NEXT STEP IDEAS

Instructions: We all have next steps we need to take. This week we are featuring potential next steps you might take in a specific area/way in which you need to GO. We hope this list will help get some ideas started for you.

- GO to the gym this week...even if you're tired!
- GO to one of your spouse's, kids' or friend's events to support them.
- GO to the back of the line - let someone else go first.
- GO ahead and make that phone call or send that note...it will make that person's day!
- GO forward on that project you have been dreading - it may not get done without your efforts.
- GO to a quiet place and start dreaming - what does God want your story to be?
- GO and talk to your boss about that new position - ask for their support to apply.
- GO and fill out that application for your dream job.
- GO and find a mentor that will help you grow professionally, spiritually, etc.
- GO to G-Class and determine what your Next Step is @ Riverside.
- GO to the store and pick up candy for the Great Pumpkin Party and new socks/underwear for Socktober @ Riverside.
- GO over to your neighbor's and see if they need help with yard work this fall.
- GO spend time with people who challenge you in positive ways.
- GO spend time with your family outdoors; the white stuff is only weeks away...
- GO over your budget and make sure you haven't missed anything for October.

We are excited to see what NEXT STEP you take to GO.
Email us at NextStep@myriversidechurch.com and let us know the ways in which you've decided to GO.

Your **Small Group Guide** will help you process what it means to GO as well as what your next step might look like. Get your copy by the resource area near the worship center or go to www.myriversidechurch.com/smallgroups to see the digital copy.



DIVINE DIRECTION

MESSAGE NOTES & NEXT STEP IDEAS

GO

September 30, 2018



“GO”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

What we decide today _____ what we'll be tomorrow.

The word “go” is found about _____ times in the Bible...the word “stay” about _____ times.

Jesus used the word “go” a significant amount of times in a variety of ways:

- M_____ (Mark 1:38; Matthew 10:7; Mark 16:15)
- Relationships (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15)
- M_____ (Luke 8:48; Mark 7:29)
- Teaching (Luke 15:4; John 14:2-4)
- M_____ (Luke 9:51; Matthew 16:21)

Not accidental that you can't spell “_____” without spelling “_____”.

Note Ephesians 5:15-17

For most of us, “going”, taking a step, moving forward in some way is one of the most challenging and _____ things to attempt.

1. _____

- A. This attitude m_____ God— God gets blamed for evil and _____ is credited for positive things. Jesus clearly taught God's perfect will is not always done in the _____ (note Matthew 6:10).
- B. This attitude is _____ for us—it robs us of one of God's greatest gifts to us = freedom to _____.
_____ is seeing and knowing and responding to life from God's point of view. *Note John 7:17.*
Following Jesus doesn't mean _____ your mind.

2. _____

Our fear of God's will shows our doubt that God has our _____ at heart.

God's will is an expression of God's _____.

Note Romans 8:1

3. D_____

God's will...can be _____ for us at times to get our arms around it.

Note Romans 8:28

God's will is a _____ process to make us more like Jesus.

4. _____ (*note Hebrews 11:6*)

Divine direction can't be _____ from faith.

Trust helps us take a step towards the unknown and _____.

When it comes to Divine direction:

- We can't “go” until we _____, and the starting place for divine direction? *Note I Timothy 2:3-4; II Peter 3:9*
- Next step after saying “Yes” to Jesus as Lord = fill our _____ with God's Word (*note Psalm 119:105*).
- The more we know what God has said, the stronger and healthier our relationship with Him will become, and the more we give the _____ to work with in changing how we think and giving us the impetus to take another next step... (*note Psalm 119:130*)

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!

NEXT STEP Tools: Go to www.myriversidechurch.com/nextsteptools to find links to Bible reading apps, reading plans and other tools to help you make regular time in God's Word a priority.



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MESSAGE NOTES

What we decide today shapes what we'll be tomorrow.

The word “go” is found about 1,500 times in the Bible...the word “stay” about 60 times.

Jesus used the word “go” a significant amount of times in a variety of ways:

- Ministry (Mark 1:38; Matthew 10:7; Mark 16:15)
- Relationships (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15)
- Miracles (Luke 8:48; Mark 7:29)
- Teaching (Luke 15:4; John 14:2-4)
- Mission (Luke 9:51; Matthew 16:21)

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Note Ephesians 5:15-17

For most of us, “going”, taking a step, moving forward in some way is one of the most challenging and scary things to attempt.

1. Fatalism

- A. This attitude mischaracterizes God – God gets blamed for evil and luck is credited for positive things. Jesus clearly taught God's perfect will is not always done in the Lord's Prayer (note Matthew 6:10).
- B. This attitude is unhealthy for us – it robs us of one of God's greatest gifts to us = freedom to choose. Wisdom is seeing and knowing and responding to life from God's point of view. Note John 7:17. Following Jesus doesn't mean retiring your mind.

2. Worry

Our fear of God's will shows our doubt that God has our best interest at heart.

God's will is an expression of God's love.

Note Romans 8:1

3. Discouragement

God's will...can be frustrating for us at times to get our arms around it.

Note Romans 8:28

God's will is a long-term process to make us more like Jesus.

4. Trust (note Hebrews 11:6)

Divine direction can't be divorced from faith.

Trust helps us take a step towards the unknown and unseen.

When it comes to Divine direction:

- We can't “go” until we start, and the starting place for divine direction? Note 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9
- Next step after saying “Yes” to Jesus as Lord = fill our minds with God's Word (note Psalm 119:105).
- The more we know what God has said, the stronger and healthier our relationship with Him will become, and the more we give the Holy Spirit to work with in changing how we think and giving us the impetus to take another next step... (note Psalm 119:130)

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