



**Encounter:**  
**The Decision**

**Encountering God in Worship**

**Exploring:** Come as you are! Visit any worship service

**Getting Started:** Make worship a part of your weekly pattern. Grow your participation in singing, prayer, and communion

**Going Deeper:** Allow yourself to be drawn more deeply into the music, prayer, and message. Make more meaningful connections with the people around you during worship.

**Christ Centered:** Enter into worship moving your attention away from yourself and into the presence of Christ. Allow the sacraments to become an experience of the real presence of the living Christ in the bread and the cup.

**Engage:**  
**Growing in Trust**

**Engaging God in Scripture**

**Exploring:** Begin reading a daily devotional (Upper Room, U-Version Bible, etc.)

**Getting Started:** Read the Gospel of Mark and check out the book, Soul Shift: The Measure of a Life Transformed by Steve DeNeff & David Drury

**Going Deeper:** Continue reading Matthew, Luke, & John

**Christ Centered:** Commit to daily Bible reading and write about it in a journal.

**Engaging God in Prayer**

**Exploring:** Begin and end your day with prayer

**Getting Started:** Pray for God's guidance and for the needs of others in your life.

**Going Deeper:** Set aside intentional time each day to pray.

**Christ Centered:** Spend time in silence and solitude each day as you pray

**Engaging God in Small Groups**

**Exploring:** Join a small group

**Getting Started:** Become a group coordinator and help lead a group

**Going Deeper:** Become a group leader and lead a fantastic group

**Christ Centered:** Become a group coach and train and support group leaders and coordinators

**Express:**  
**Gratitude**

**Expressing Faith through Service**

**Exploring:** Serve somewhere, anywhere

**Getting Started:** Assess your spiritual gifts on the church website resource page or use the following spiritual gift assessment link:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/spiritual-gifts>

**Going Deeper:** Commit to serving based on how you are gifted on an ongoing basis

**Christ Centered:** Live out your calling to be a servant leader, daily

**Expressing Faith through Generosity**

**Exploring:** Learn how financial gifts support the Ministry and Mission

**Getting Started:** Budget a specific amount of money each week/month to give to God's work

**Going Deeper:** Commit to move toward tithing 10% of your income to God's work through proportional giving

**Christ Centered:** Give the first 10% of all income to God's work, and be open to more

**Expressing Faith through Influence**

**Exploring:** Ask friends and neighbors to explore faith with you

**Getting Started:** Learn how to articulate your faith story with someone.

**Going Deeper:** Invite others to worship with you

**Christ Centered:** Help others articulate their own faith story.