

The 9 Steps of Everyday Discipleship

(Steps 1-9 = Jan-Sept,
Step 8 = Oct-Dec)

- 1. As members of the confessional community, we acknowledge our desperate need for God, and become honest about how broken and lost we are apart from Him and His guidance in our lives**

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is in my sinful nature for I have the desire to do what is

good, but I cannot carry it out”

Romans 7:18

2. We cry out to Him, in the person of Jesus Christ and ask for His forgiveness, mercy and grace

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

3. We receive His love, light, and forgiveness and decide to follow Jesus in every area of our lives...one area at a time

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways

acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

4. In view of His forgiveness, love and our new identity in Him, we hold His hand and dig deeply into the truth about our lives, our sin and our God-given design

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.” Lamentations 3:40

5. We talk honestly with God and at least one other person about what is being revealed by the Holy Spirit, and ask Him to remove our sinful and

destructive attitudes and behaviors

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16

6. We take note of all the people we have hurt (including ourselves) and pray for the willingness to make things right with each one of them.

“Do to others, as you would have them do to you” Luke 6:31

7. With the help of God and the discernment of others, we go to those we have harmed, acknowledge our wrongs, and allow God to change our attitudes and behaviors toward them.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your

brother; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24

8. We practice prayer, meditation on scripture and other spiritual disciplines to strengthen our relationship with God and others, seeking only His will for us and the power of the Holy Spirit to live as Everyday Disciples of Jesus.

Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with

gratitude in your hearts. Colossians
3:16

9. In light of God's endless love for us and the freedom we now have in Him, we continue to keep a daily watch over our lives, and walk confessionally as witnesses who proclaim the grace, love and power of Jesus Christ to all who might listen.

“...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and

Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8