

The Path

To the Life You've Always Wanted

Introduction:

1. The PATH is a **PERSON**: Jesus

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

John 14:6

2. The PATH is **SIMPLE**: Love God, Love Others

³⁷And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:37-40

3. The PATH **BEGINS** with: A Spiritual Birth

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.”

John 3:5

4. The PATH **LEADS** to: Spiritual Maturity

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Colossians 1:28-29

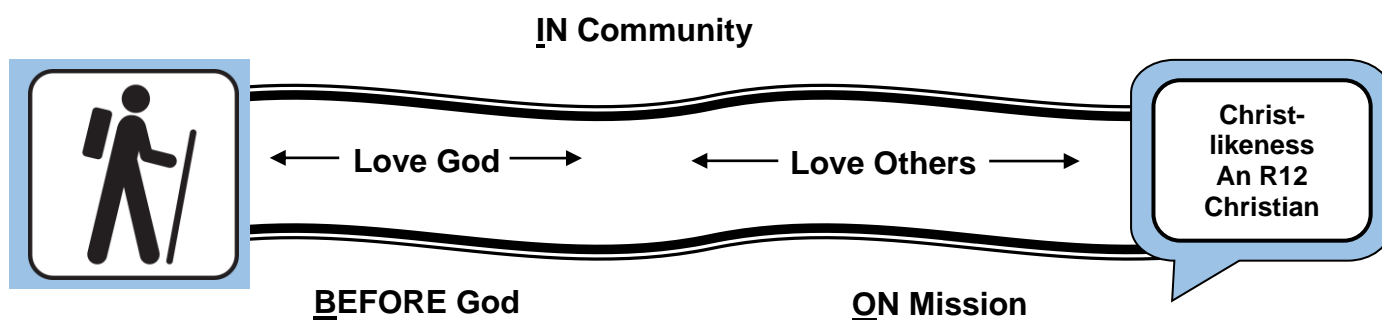
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The PATH **REQUIRES**: 3 Practices

- B = Coming..... **B**efore God daily
- I = Doing life.... **I**n community weekly
- O = Being..... **O**n mission 24/7

A picture to remember:



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A profile to pursue:

1. **SURRENDERED** to God

“... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...”

Romans 12:1

2. **SEPARATE** from the world's values

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world...”

Romans 12:2

3. **SOBER** self-assessment

“... think of yourself with sober judgment...”

Romans 12:3-8

4. **SERVING** in love

“Be devoted to one another in love...”

Romans 12:9-13

5. **SUPERNATURALLY** responding to evil with good

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:14-21

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Discussion Questions:

1. Are you on the PATH?

- If yes, where are you along the PATH?

Are you actively helping others find the PATH?

Who could you help along the journey?

- If you're not sure, who can help you determine where you are?
- If no, what would need to happen for you to approach the PATH?

Who can you talk with to walk with you?

2. In light of page 2, what is your next step to the B-I-O practices?

3. In light of page 3, which one is your greatest challenge? Why?