

## Next Steps for Individuals in Groups

Sometimes it can be hard to tell if the people in our community groups are growing spiritually, including ourselves. Since community groups are the discipleship tool in our church, we know this is important. One of the best ways to help each other grow spiritually, and to be able to see clear progress, is to set growth goals at the beginning of each semester with your group members.

I encourage you to take part of your prayer time in the first or second week of group, read off or print off a list of the growth goals below, and then have everyone write down a growth goal for the semester. Then bring these goals up with each other throughout the semester in prayer time, in text messages, in meals one on one, etc. At the end of the semester, ask each other about your progress and continue to encourage each other to follow through with the goal(s) they have set.

*“Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Timothy 4:15-16.*

Ask your group members, what is a **Next Step** in your faith you want to take this year?

Here are some ideas for Next Steps:

- Read a chapter of the bible every day.
- Increase your amount of time in prayer a day.
- Commit to attend community group every week.
- Begin a volunteer role at Crossbridge.
- Increase my volunteer level at Crossbridge.
- Memorize (\_\_\_\_\_ number of) verses from the Bible.
- Get baptized.
- Become a Crossbridge church partner.
- Invite “insert name” to church.
- Starting giving financially to church.
- Increase the percentage of my income I give to church.
- Read a good Christian book.
- Connect with a friend weekly/daily to keep you accountable with good/bad habits.