



Moses Lake Alliance Church
Live The Call

The Game Plan for Growing in Jesus (Phase 1)

Introduction:

Life is too short and too valuable to live it simply floating or wandering. The Apostle James writes, *“Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”* Not only is your life short, but it is also of great value in the eyes of the Lord. The Apostle Paul writes, *“You were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.”*

Since your short life was bought at an incalculable cost this should cause us to consider how to live out the days we have with intense focus on being just like Jesus, the only One worth imitating. But this begs a question... What does being just like Jesus look like? He Himself taught us what it looks like to be like Him in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. What we discover is that we are to be a people that **worship** God daily, **equip** ourselves for the battle of daily living, **connect** with others for the sake of encouragement, growth, and accountability, **share** the Gospel with the lost, and **serve** everyone in our sphere of influence.

What you have in your hands is a game plan for becoming a disciple of Jesus that is constantly becoming more like Him, a disciple that is falling more in love with Him, and a disciple that is helping others to do the same. So if you are ready to become a sharpened weapon in the hands of our mighty God then get started with the game plan and don't let anything deter you!

*Note #1: Exactly what to study/read is laid out for you for an entire phase (with more phases to follow), which could take anywhere from a few months to a few years. It is not about how fast you get through it, it is about how deeply God's Word gets planted in you and therefore transforms you from the inside out.

*Note #2: All of this can be done individually or in the context of community such as one-to-one discipleship or a Growth Group.

*Note #3: Our chief purpose in life is to glorify God with our lives and one of the primary ways we do that is by making disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus. Therefore, begin praying right away that God would use this game plan to grow you in Jesus in ways you never thought possible so that you can help others grow in Jesus in ways they never thought possible.

The Game Plan

OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE:

We must be in the Word and allowing the Word to get into us. This means that our game plan must start with a purposeful way to do just that. The *MLAC Bible Reading Plan* being used in conjunction with the devotional/Bible study tool Your Daily Walk, edited by Bruce Wilkinson, are phenomenal tools to aid you. The *MLAC Bible Reading Plan* as well as the *MLAC Discipleship Series: The Journey of Disciple Making* can be found on the liveshouldcall.org website and all books listed can be purchased at either amazon.com or christianbook.com.

Step #1: *MLAC Discipleship Series: The Journey of Disciple Making Part 3: How to Study the Bible*

Step #2: *MLAC Discipleship Series: The Journey of Disciple Making Part 4: Understanding the Old Testament*

Step #3: Read *God's Crime Scene* by J. Warner Wallace

Step #4: *MLAC Discipleship Series: The Journey of Disciple Making Part 5: Understanding the New Testament*

Step #5: Read *Cold Case Christianity* by J. Warner Wallace

Step #6: *MLAC Discipleship Series: The Journey of Disciple Making Part 6: Understanding Core Doctrine*

Step #7: Read *Tell the Truth* by Will Metzger

Step #8: Read *The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Mormon* by Ron Rhodes, *The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Jehovah's Witness* by Ron Rhodes and *The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Catholic* by Ron Rhodes

Step #9: Read *Living the Cross Centered Life* by C.J. Mahaney

Step #10: Read *The Story of Reality* by Gregory Koukl