



A M.A.P. for Your Spiritual Journey

Our Dream: The Spiritual Journey

Our dream is to move people from fringe observers to active participants -- everyone connecting, everyone caring, and everyone conforming to the image of Christ. Jesus was intentional in this effort. He was definitely moving toward a specific goal. He has called us to join Him in this intentional process of making more and better disciples. Therefore, our vision is to make Disciples of Christ who are planted in Jesus, growing to be like Jesus, and flourishing for Jesus.

The M.A.P. Ministry works to make this vision a reality by helping each person be aware of our MISSION, work together with ACCOUNTABILITY, and have a specific PLAN for their spiritual journey. This gives people a purpose, a partner and a plan.

The following explains this in more detail.

A Map for the Spiritual Journey

1. MISSION (a point of destination)

First, what is our mission? Where are we headed and what are we becoming? God's goal for us is that when we look in the mirror we all see the same thing -- Christ!

When we came into this life we inherited a path that leads to destruction. This path is broad, with many travelers. When we came to Christ we were no longer citizens of this world headed down this path of destruction. We have a new identity and a new destination. We are on a new path to become like Christ.

“You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness—righteous, holy, and true” (Ephesians 4:24).

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29).

When we start out on this journey to become like Christ our understanding of the path is unclear. We don't know the map very well. We don't have a clear vision of what we are here for and how we are to live life. It's like having a light that is defused. It gives you a little light but it is hazy. The more you can focus your light, the stronger the beam, and the more intense the light will shine on its object. In fact, if you were to shine your light through a magnifying glass your light would be so intense it could burn a hole.

Do you know what your purpose in life is? Is your spiritual light focused? This M.A.P. Ministry tool will help you focus your light intently on the goal of becoming like Christ. It will help you

define specific goals for your spiritual life. It will clarify your purpose in life. Through this process you will discover your unique contribution to the kingdom of God.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY (a partner)

We are not alone on this journey. It is not a solo race. God has provided the Holy Spirit who indwells us, and the Body of Christ to build us up. We are in PARTNERSHIP!
We are in RELATIONSHIP!

Jesus used relationships to accomplish His plan.

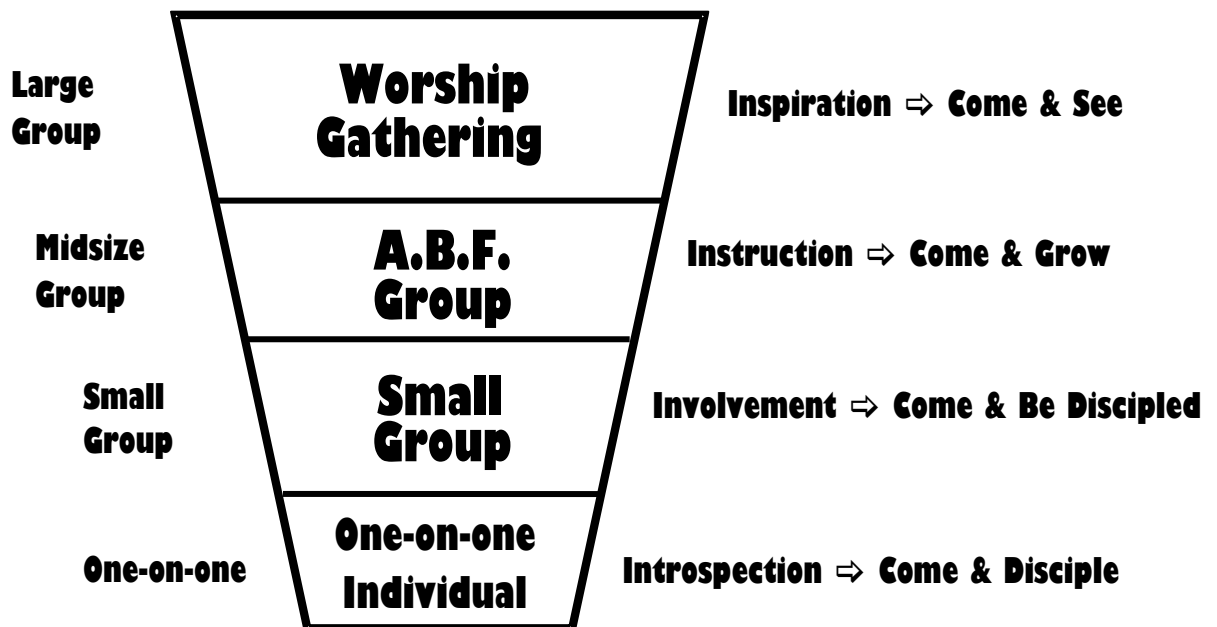
One-on-one -- i.e. Jesus with Peter; woman at the well

One with a few -- i.e. Jesus with his inner circle of Peter, James, and John

One with a small group -- i.e. Jesus ministered to a small group of twelve men

One with the multitudes -- i.e. Jesus ministered to the crowds

At Southgate we utilize these same four primary relational settings to build disciples.



A disciple of Christ is called to take up his cross and follow Christ. This implies commitment and sacrifice. As you move down the cone there is increasing accountability, commitment, time and responsibility. But with this comes the greater potential for growth and fruit to develop in your life.

Your M.A.P. Interviewer will be your partner to help you begin the process of connecting in spiritual relationship.

3. PATH (a strategy) to get to our destination

Here at Southgate we've created a path to move you toward spiritual growth and biblical community. This path will assist you in uniting in loving, Christ-centered relationships. Each action principle on the growth path represents another step of commitment to each other and to the Lord. Our ultimate goal on the journey is to be like Christ. But, we must realize that becoming like Christ is a process that takes time. Just as God allowed Joshua and the Israelites to possess the land "little by little" (Duet. 7:22), he uses a gradual process of change to develop us into the image of Christ.

#1: Commit to Faithful Corporate Worship

#2: Attend the *Welcome Class*

#3: Commit to Membership

#4: Commit to an ABF Class

#5: Complete the M.A.P. Assessment Tools (Maturity M.A.P., Ministry M.A.P., Money M.A.P.)

#6: Commit to a place of ministry

#7: Commit to a small group

#8: Commit to a discipleship path

This journey of spiritual growth and biblical community should not be viewed as a sequence of steps that you must follow in a certain order, till you've "arrived." Instead, view these as menu items that you may pick and choose from according to your needs, and God's leading in your life. Select the menu items that have the spiritual nutrition you need to grow up spiritually and together in biblical community.

Mission, accountability, and partnership, these three work together to move us down the path of spiritual maturity. The rest of this booklet is comprised of assessments that will be utilized in the interview process. Please read through the rest of this booklet and complete the surveys beginning on the next page. Once you have completed this booklet go on to complete the *Uniquely You* spiritual gift and personality assessment. If you have trouble completing any of these assessment tools please leave blank and your interviewer will assist you further. Once you've completed your assessment please contact your interviewer to set up an appointment to go over the results.

HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR M.A.P. INTERVIEW

1. Before your interview:
 - Pray for wisdom and discernment for you and your M.A.P. Interviewer.
 - Complete this assessment tool, along with the *Uniquely You* assessment.
 - Turn in your completed assessment tools at the Welcome Center the Sunday before your interview.
 - Commit to working with the M.A.P. Interviewer to prioritize the ministry opportunities that seem to be the most natural expressions of who God made you to be.
2. If for any reason you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment with your M.A.P. Interviewer, please call that person 48 hours in advance. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
3. After the consultation, contact the specific ministries you identified for possible involvement within two weeks after your interview, while ideas and descriptions are still fresh. Your interviewer will also contact specific ministry leaders to help you make the appropriate connections.
4. Devote time to prayer, reflection, and exploration concerning your involvement in a particular ministry.
5. If you have any additional questions, call your M.A.P. Interviewer. Your M.A.P. Interviewer is a volunteer whose ministry is to serve you.

SERVANT PROFILE

We are all like diamonds, each of us are valuable and uniquely fashioned by God. We have many facets to our design, just as a diamond has many facets. This survey is designed to help us discover each one of these facets and how you can best fit into God's kingdom purposes. Your M.A.P. Interviewer will utilize this information to help you plug into a ministry area and guide you on your spiritual journey. Please take the time to complete each of the following surveys before your M.A.P. Interview.

AVAILABILITY SURVEY

Our season or stage in life may affect our availability.

Do you have young children? Are you married? Single? Single with children? What other issues influence the time you have available for service?

How much do you travel during the week? How far do you live from where your potential ministry commitment would be? What activities are you involved in during the week?

What is your level of availability? Do you feel as if you are out of time? Are you spending time on other activities that could take a lesser priority compared to making your unique contribution (certain time wasters, for example). We support a balanced life, but also realize that serving is a priority.

After assessing current time commitments and priorities, do you have the time to begin making your unique contribution? If not, that does not preclude you from serving. You could find a related position that better fits your schedule at this time in your life, while planning to make your unique contribution at some point in the future.

List your major time commitments:

Check the level of availability to which you are able to commit at this time:

- Limited: one to two hours per week
- Moderate: two to four hours per week
- Significant: four or more hours per week

If for some reason you are unavailable at this time, discuss with your consultant future ministry possibilities.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY SURVEY

If you were to take a spiritual snapshot of your relationship with Christ, which of the following would best describe how you see yourself at this time?

SEEKER?

You are gaining a better understanding of Christ and the Christian faith, but you have not yet personally trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins. You are still investigating Christianity, still seeking truth.

NEW/YOUNG BELIEVER?

You have recently become a Christian, and you are excited and enthused about your new walk with Jesus Christ, or you have been a Christian for some time, but you are just now learning what Jesus meant when He promised abundant life.

In either case, you need to grow further in your understanding of the basics of the Christian faith and of what it means to walk daily in a personal relationship with Christ.

STABLE/GROWING BELIEVER?

You are confident of God's faithfulness and his ability to accomplish his will in your life. You are teachable and sensitive to the Spirit's leading. You exhibit the stability that comes from knowing Christ, regularly worshipping with his people, and actively pursuing a life of greater devotion.

LEADING/GUIDING BELIEVER?

You have reached a high level of maturity in the faith. You are able to model faithfulness and inspire other believers. You can lead by example and guide others in a deeper understanding of what it means to walk personally with Jesus Christ.

PERSONAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Name _____ Birth date: ____/____/____

Male Female

How long have you been a Christian: _____

Employer: _____ Position: _____

FAMILY

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Spouse's name: _____

Children names:

_____ Birth date: ____/____/____ M F

_____ Birth date: ____/____/____ M F

_____ Birth date: ____/____/____ M F

_____ Birth date: ____/____/____ M F

CHURCH

When did you start attending the church? Month _____ Year: _____

Are you a member? Yes No

Small Groups:

I am in one (Leader's name) _____

I would like to be in one

I used to be in one (Leader's Name) _____

Other:

Adult Bible Fellowship:

I am in one (Name) _____

I would like to be in one

I used to be in one (Name) _____

Other:

CURRENT MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Which ministries are you now involved in? None (circle)

List other ministries or community groups outside the church in which you are involved:

PAST MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Which ministries have you been involved in the past? None (circle)

List other ministries or community groups outside the church in which you have been involved:

6. The people I would like to help most are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Single parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitalized | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College students | <input type="checkbox"/> Infants | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen moms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Internationals students | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Young marrieds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Empty nesters | <input type="checkbox"/> Prisoners | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugees | |

7. The issues or causes I feel strongly about are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> Reaching the lost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others: | <input type="checkbox"/> Injustice | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |

8. List the top five to seven positive experiences you've had in your life and briefly describe what you did and why it was meaningful to you. These experiences may have taken place at home, work, school, or during your free time. It may have been a clock you fixed or a dress you made. It may have been a puzzle you put together or an award you received. It may have been helping a friend move, building a house, winning an election, or giving to someone in need. Remember, these are experiences that you enjoyed doing and felt fulfilled.

9. Next, read through what you have written and look for an underlying theme. Based on my answers to the above questions, I sense I have a Passion for:

NOTE: Fill in the rest of this booklet after you have completed the Uniquely You assessment tool.

Southgate Ministry Interest Survey

It is our desire that each person at Southgate discover a meaningful place of service. The Bible tells us we are to do something with our faith (James 2:17, 18). PART ONE indicates ministries at Southgate. By checking off these areas you are saying you would like to know more about that ministry area or you would like to explore involvement. We will then contact you to discuss the next step you would like to take. PART TWO covers skills and interests.

PART ONE: SOUTHGATE MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- Awana Secretary
- Awana Cubbies (ages 3-5)
- Awana Sparks (K-2nd grades)
- Awana T&T Girls (3rd-6th grades)
- Awana T&T Boys (3rd-6th grades)
- Awana Game Leader/Helper
- Awana Handbook Listener
- Sunday School Teacher (Preschool)
- Sunday School Helper (Preschool)
- Sunday School Teacher (Grades 1-6)
- Sunday School Helper (Grades 1-6)
- Substitute Teacher
- Children's Church (Preschool or Elem.)
- Children's Sports & Activities Camp
- Preprimary Vacation Bible School
- Junior or Senior High Ministries
- Hearts – after school mentor program (baby sitter; crafts; driver; food preparation; tutor; van rider)
- Kids Hope – in school mentor program
- Nursery
- Special Friends (handicap ministry)

ADULT MINISTRIES

- Singles Care Ministry
- College Age Ministry
- Adult Bible Fellowship teacher
- Small Group Leader or Apprentice

- Discipleship or Mentoring
- Women's Ministries
- Men's Ministries
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Marriage Mentoring Ministry
- Crown Financial Ministry

MINISTRY TEAMS

- Facilities & Maintenance
- Edification Team (ABF ministry; Small Groups; Discipleship)
- Community Outreach Team
- Fellowship Team -- food services
- Compassion/Benevolence Team
- Membership Team
- World Outreach Team
- Worship Team
- Children's Ministry Team
- Connecting Team (assimilation; hospitality; fellowship)
- Newsletter Team
- Bulletin Board Team
- Technology Team
- Crown Financial Team
- M.A.P. Team (help people find a ministry and grow in maturity)
- Condolence Team
- Senior Adult Ministry Team

MUSIC/WORSHIP MINISTRY

- Choir
- Orchestra/Band - Instrument:
- Preschool Choir
- Elementary Choir
- Worship Team

OTHER AREAS

- Ushers
- Door Greeters
- Welcome Center Host
- Sound
- Projectionist
- Hospitality Callers – Respond to guests after their first visit.
- Urban Light Ministry (food service for homeless and poor)

PART TWO: SKILLS & INTERESTS

SKILLS & INTERESTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benevolence | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercessory Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee/Homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bereavement | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreting for Deaf | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Search Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed CDL | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving Meals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Shut-ins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal for needy | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacons | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape/CD Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> New Members | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomers | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Calling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Laundry | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible Sch. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finances | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floral Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Machines | <input type="checkbox"/> Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Weddings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Printing | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Puppets | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Guests | <input type="checkbox"/> Records | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infants/Toddlers | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | |