

*The purpose of
L.I.F.E.:*

Learn

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Fellowship

Encourage



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**WHERE
ARE YOU
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THROUGH
L.I.F.E.?**



Every L.I.F.E. making a difference

REACHING OUR PEAK PERFORMANCE:

Learn

● You want to LEARN the answers to some of life's tough questions. You attend worship occasionally to see if you discover anything, perhaps finding good in the music or sermons.

■ You've gotten your feet wet, and now you're ready to learn a little more (short-term group study, daily devotional, Sunday School participant).

Worship is more than just enjoying the music or the sermon—it is a time that excites and inspires you.

◆ You're ready to jump in and LEARN even more about your faith and how it applies to your life.

Worship is the means for expressing gratitude and uncovering more of how God walks with you and speaks with you.

◆◆ Although you do not know all the answers, you are confident in your understanding of biblical text.

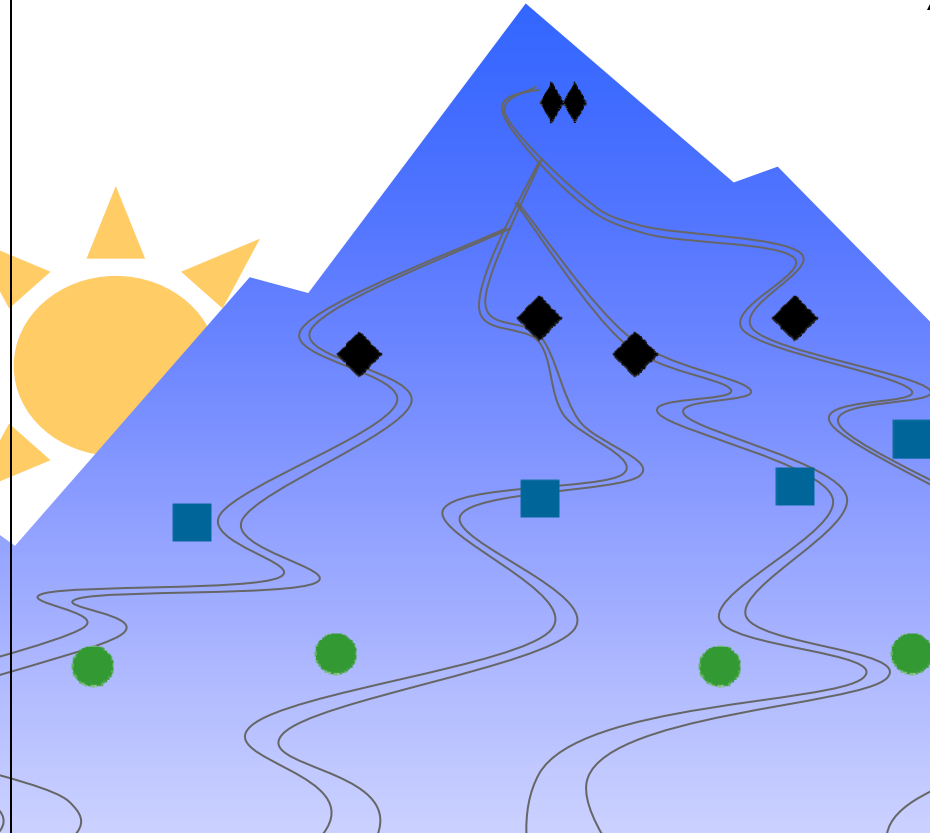
In worship you feel God's touch, celebrate your gifts as they connect and enhance the congregation and its mission (The Walk to Emmaus, Lay Speaker or Leadership training, Participation in Conference Level events, Starting a new group).

Invest

● You are not ready to INVEST too much time or money; however, you do give to the church now and then.

■ You begin to INVEST a little bit of time in the church:

- You occasionally help out on a church project when asked
- You routinely put something in the offering plate
- You buy grocery certificates or a donut to help certain ministries



“Invest” continued...

- ◆** You start not only INVESTing your time in the church, but also:
- Recognize your talents and use them to help the church and its members (Spiritual Gifts Assessment)
 - Recognize your offering as the first fruits given to God
 - Begin to understand what Stewardship means
 - You make a financial pledge to the church striving to give 10%

◆◆ You want to INVEST yourself in the church, using the gifts God has given you:

- Make a “time and talents” pledge to the church and actively pursue ministries that use your gifts
- You tithe your pledge with a goal to grow in your giving
- You willingly lead and/or support a variety of ministries

Fellowship

● You are not sure you have very much in common with the rest of “these people” so you do not actively pursue FELLOWSHIP opportunities since it feels somewhat uncomfortable.

■ You start to recognize more people and hang around the church a little bit more. You attend FELLOWSHIP opportunities (Fall Fling, Camp Buckhorn, Faith and Football, Women of Faith) and start to develop friendships.

◆ You take advantage of many FELLOWSHIP opportunities and find that you willingly participate in small groups (Study groups, UMM/UMW, Music Programs). Many of your friends are at church.

◆◆ You have matured in your relationships and are ready to take on new roles leading FELLOWSHIP opportunities, helping others find a place in the church (“Shepherding”).

Encourage

● You are at the point in your life where you need lots of ENCOURAGEMENT from others. Sometimes you feel empty and want to be filled-up.

■ You support ENCOURAGING ministries usually with material or monetary gifts (canned food, Souper Bowl Soup, Coat Drive).

◆ You want to ENCOURAGE others by your presence you participate in short-term ministries (Urban Peak, Christmas Caroling, Filling Thanksgiving baskets).

◆◆ You actively participate in ENCOURAGING others in the church or community through hands-on mission work (Mission Trips, Stephen Ministry, Cares Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, etc.)