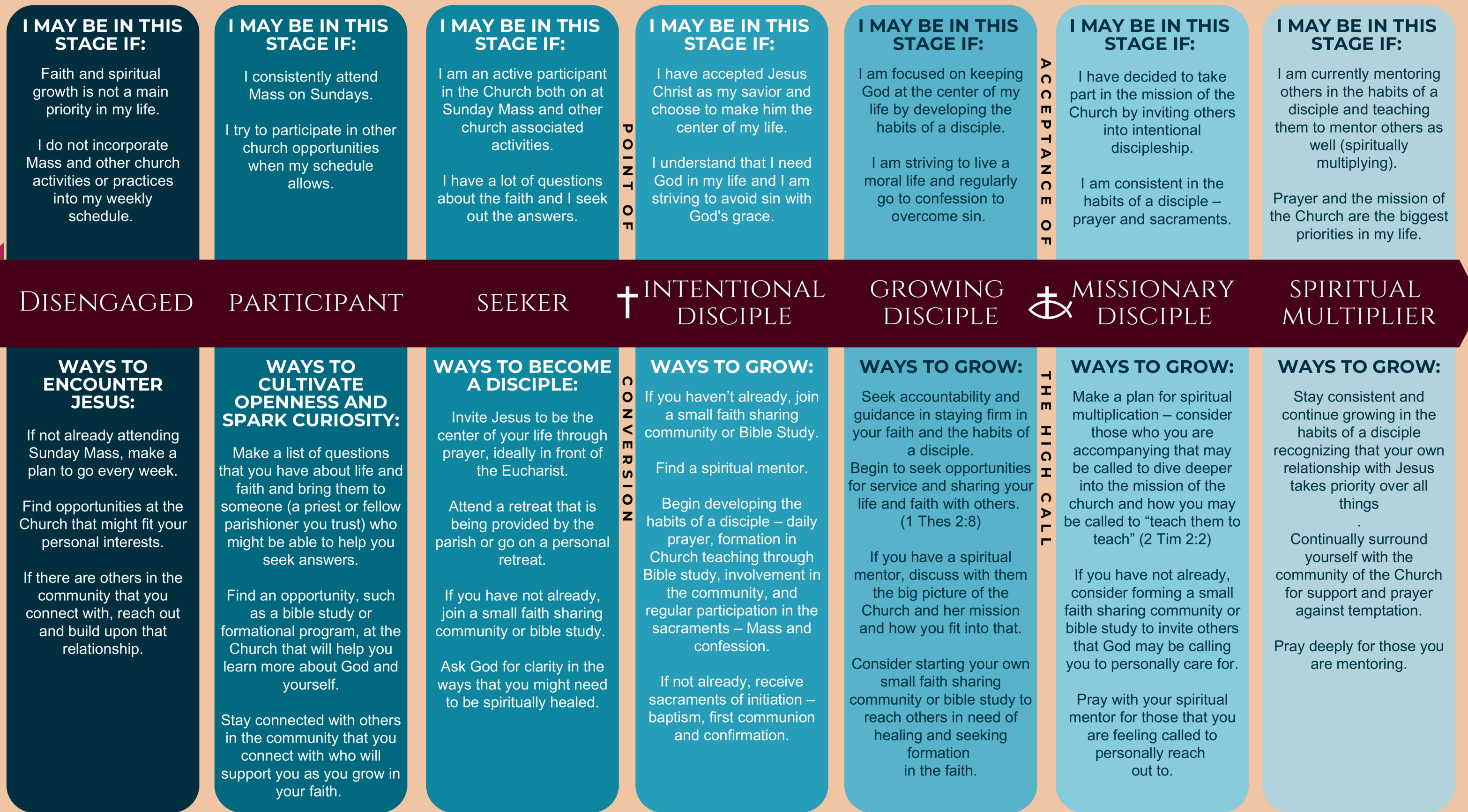


STAGES OF CONVERSION & DISCIPLESHIP

Relationship with God and His Church is a life-long journey. Hopefully, you have learned by now that God loves you totally and completely. It doesn't matter where you are on your journey, He loves you just the same. However, in order for us to live life according to the plan He has in store for us, it is important for us to make steps everyday toward holiness. Often in the spiritual life, if you are not moving forward, you are moving backward. All growth in the Christian life is done through God's grace which we accept with our free will.

Below are the different stages that you might find yourself on this journey. Each stage builds upon the previous. It is very likely that you may not fit a description completely but find yourself in multiple stages. This is only a tool to help you determine where you are and make specific commitments to grow towards the next stage in your relationship with God.



STAGES OF CONVERSION & DISCIPLESHIP SELF-EVALUATION

Where do you place yourself right now in your faith journey? Are you disengaged, a participant, a seeker, an intentional disciple, growing disciple, missionary disciple, or a spiritual multiplier?

What is the next stage (a participant, a seeker, an intentional disciple, growing disciple, missionary disciple, or a spiritual multiplier) that you feel God is calling you to right now? Why?

What things do you need to do, change, or sacrifice to make in order to grow?

Why do you place yourself there?

What is it going to take to get you there?

Are you willing to do these things?

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

Lord Jesus Christ, you said, "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

I want to belong to you from now on.

I want to know what it means to live life abundantly.

Teach me what it means to be a Christian.

Teach me how to follow you.

I ask you to forgive me and to free me from the sins that keep me from living the life that you have for me.

I commit myself to you. Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen.