

THE28th.LIFE

THE SPARK

MODULE 8 — LIVING YOUR FAITH

Taking Your Next Steps with Jesus

Module Overview

Congratulations!

You've completed **THE SPARK**, but your journey with Jesus is just beginning.

Throughout this curriculum, you've discovered God's love, experienced His grace, learned who Jesus is, developed a life of prayer, built a foundation in Scripture, established a daily devotional rhythm, and learned the importance of worship and biblical teaching.

Now comes the exciting part...

Living it.

The Christian life was never intended to be lived only on Sunday mornings or during personal devotion time. Jesus calls us to follow Him every day—in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

Living your faith means allowing God's love to shape your relationships, your decisions, your priorities, and your purpose. It means becoming part of His Church, serving others with humility, and sharing His love through the way you live.

This module will help you take your next faithful steps as a disciple of Jesus and prepare you for the next stage of your journey with **THE28th.LIFE**.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 8, you will:

- Understand why Christian community is essential.
 - Learn why belonging to a local church matters.
 - Discover how serving others reflects the heart of Jesus.
 - Identify practical ways to live your faith every day.
 - Create a personal plan for continued spiritual growth.
 - Prepare to continue your discipleship journey through **THE FOUNDATION**.
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LESSON 21 — BELONGING TO THE CHURCH

Theme

God designed His people to grow together as one family.

Key Scriptures

- Acts 2:42–47
 - Hebrews 10:24–25
 - 1 Corinthians 12:12–27
 - Ephesians 2:19–22
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Big Idea

The Church is not simply a place you attend—it is a family where you belong.

Introduction

Many people think of church as a building or a weekly event.

The Bible describes something much more beautiful.

The Church is God's family.

It is a community of believers learning to follow Jesus together, encouraging one another, serving one another, and sharing God's love with the world.

Every believer has a place.

Every believer has value.

Every believer has a purpose.

When we become followers of Jesus, we become part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Why the Church Matters

God uses the Church to help us:

- Grow spiritually.
- Learn God's Word.
- Worship together.
- Pray for one another.
- Serve our communities.
- Encourage one another during difficult seasons.
- Celebrate God's faithfulness together.

Christianity was never intended to be lived alone.

Finding a Church Home

Look for a church that:

- Teaches the Bible faithfully.
- Centers its ministry on Jesus Christ.
- Demonstrates love and grace.
- Encourages spiritual growth.
- Provides opportunities to serve.
- Builds authentic community.

Don't look for a perfect church.

Instead, look for a healthy church where you can worship, grow, and serve.

Reflection

1. What does belonging to God's family mean to you?
 2. What qualities are important in a church home?
 3. How can you become more involved in your local church?
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Weekly Challenge

- Attend worship this week.
 - Introduce yourself to someone new.
 - Learn about a ministry or small group.
 - Pray for your church's pastors and leaders.
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Prayer

Father,

Thank You for welcoming me into Your family. Help me find a church where I can grow, serve, and encourage others. Teach me to love Your Church as Christ loves His Church.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Let us not give up meeting together...but encouraging one another."

— Hebrews 10:24–25

LESSON 22 — DISCOVERING THE POWER OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Theme

We grow stronger when we walk with others.

Key Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 4:9–12
 - Galatians 6:2
 - Romans 12:9–18
 - John 13:34–35
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Big Idea

Healthy Christian relationships encourage, strengthen, and challenge us to become more like Christ.

Introduction

God never intended faith to be a solo journey.

Every believer needs people who will:

- Pray with them.
- Encourage them.
- Celebrate victories.
- Walk beside them during hardships.
- Help them remain faithful.

Christian community reminds us that we never walk alone.

Building Authentic Relationships

Healthy Christian friendships are built on:

- Honesty.
- Grace.
- Encouragement.
- Accountability.
- Compassion.
- Forgiveness.
- Humility.

Community isn't about finding perfect people.

It's about growing together while pointing one another toward Christ.

Reflection

1. Who encourages your faith?
 2. How can you encourage someone else?
 3. What qualities do you value in Christian friendships?
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Weekly Challenge

Invite someone from church for coffee, lunch, or conversation this week.

Prayer

Lord,

Thank You for the people You've placed in my life. Help me become someone who encourages others, builds meaningful friendships, and reflects Your love through authentic community.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

— Galatians 6:2

LESSON 23 — SERVING LIKE JESUS

Theme

Followers of Jesus love others through humble service.

Key Scriptures

- Mark 10:42–45
 - John 13:1–17
 - Matthew 25:31–40
 - Philippians 2:1–11
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Big Idea

Serving isn't about recognition.

It's about reflecting the heart of Christ.

Introduction

Jesus changed the world through love expressed in action.

He healed.

He welcomed.

He fed.

He forgave.

He washed His disciples' feet.

The King of Kings became a servant.

When we serve others, we demonstrate God's love in practical ways.

Everyone Has Something to Offer

You don't have to be a pastor or ministry leader to make a difference.

God has given every believer gifts, abilities, experiences, and opportunities to serve.

You can serve by:

- Welcoming others.
- Encouraging someone.
- Volunteering at church.
- Helping a neighbor.
- Visiting someone who is lonely.
- Sharing a meal.
- Giving generously.
- Praying faithfully.

Faith becomes visible through love in action.

Reflection

1. How has someone else's service impacted your life?
 2. What gifts has God given you?
 3. Where could you begin serving today?
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Weekly Challenge

Complete one intentional act of service every day this week without expecting recognition.

Prayer

Jesus,

Thank You for showing me what servant leadership looks like. Help me notice the needs around me and give me a willing heart to serve others with humility, compassion, and joy.

Amen.

Memory Verse

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

— Mark 10:45

LESSON 24 — YOUR NEXT STEP

Theme

Discipleship is a lifelong journey of continually saying "yes" to Jesus.

Key Scriptures

- Philippians 3:12–14
 - Matthew 28:18–20
 - Colossians 2:6–7
 - Philippians 1:6
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Big Idea

God isn't finished with you—He is inviting you to keep growing, serving, and following Him every day.

Introduction

You've reached the end of **THE SPARK**.

But you've only reached the beginning of your discipleship journey.

Following Jesus isn't about completing a curriculum.

It's about becoming more like Christ over the course of your life.

There will always be another opportunity to grow, another way to serve, another person to encourage, and another step of faith to take.

God's invitation continues every day.

"Follow Me."

Looking Back

Take time to celebrate what God has done.

Reflect on:

- What have I learned?
- How has my relationship with Jesus changed?
- What new habits have I developed?
- Where have I experienced God's grace most deeply?

Celebrate progress, even if it feels small.

Every faithful step matters.

Looking Ahead

As you continue your journey, consider these next steps:

- Continue your daily prayer and Bible reading.
- Remain active in a local church.
- Join a small group or Bible study.
- Find a mentor—or become one when you're ready.
- Discover and use your spiritual gifts.
- Serve regularly.
- Continue learning.
- Share what God is doing in your life.

Disciples don't stop growing.

Introducing **THE FOUNDATION**

The Spark ignites faith.

Now it's time to strengthen it.

The next stage of your journey is **THE FOUNDATION**, where you'll begin building a deeper understanding of Christian beliefs, spiritual disciplines, the work of the Holy Spirit, stewardship, obedience, and the habits that help disciples remain rooted in Christ.

Just as a strong building requires a firm foundation, a lifelong faith is built one faithful step at a time.

Personal Growth Plan

Before moving on, prayerfully write your commitment for the next six months.

My Relationship with God

How will I continue growing through prayer and Scripture?

My Church

How will I become more involved?

My Community

How will I serve others?

My Witness

How will I reflect the love of Jesus to those around me?

My Next Step

What is God inviting me to do next?

Reflection

1. What lesson from THE SPARK has impacted you the most?
 2. What spiritual habit has become part of your daily life?
 3. How has your understanding of Jesus changed?
 4. What step is God inviting you to take next?
 5. Who can you encourage as they begin their own journey?
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Weekly Challenge

This week:

- Share your story with a trusted friend or mentor.
 - Thank someone who has encouraged your faith.
 - Pray about your next step in discipleship.
 - Commit to beginning **THE FOUNDATION**.
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Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for meeting me throughout this journey. Thank You for Your love, Your grace, and Your faithfulness.

As I move beyond **THE SPARK**, continue shaping me into the likeness of Jesus. Strengthen my faith, deepen my love for You, and help me become a faithful disciple who reflects Your character in every area of life.

Use my life to bring hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ to others.

I trust You with every next step.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Memory Verse

"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 1:6

Module 8 Wrap-Up

You've completed **THE SPARK**, but God's work in your life is just beginning.

A spark is small, yet it has the potential to ignite something extraordinary. Through these eight modules, you've established the essential habits of a growing disciple: trusting God's grace, following Jesus, praying, reading Scripture, living devotionally, worshiping with God's people, and serving others with love.

Now, continue walking with confidence. Stay connected to Christ, remain rooted in His Word, and lean into the community He has given you. Growth is not measured by perfection but by faithful obedience, one step at a time.

Our prayer is that **THE SPARK** has done more than provide information—it has ignited a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ that continues to grow, bear fruit, and shine brightly for others to see.

Welcome to the next chapter of your journey.

Welcome to THE FOUNDATION.