

Five Spiritual Stages

We understand the spiritual life to be a lifelong journey. Our desire is to grow from one stage to the next until we reach maturity in Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13). We realize that growth happens at different paces for each person. There may also be times when we are plateaued or even take a step back. We also know that in each of these times God's grace is at work in our lives calling, leading, and empowering us to grow toward his Son, Jesus Christ.



Indifferent (Acorn):

Those who are unaware, resistant, or unbelieving toward Jesus and his church.



Curious (Seedling):

Those who have some interest in knowing about Jesus or getting to know Jesus.



New Believer (Sapling):

Those who have recently received Jesus Christ as their Savior and/or are early in their learning about the Bible, the church, and the Christian life.



Growing Believer (Developing Tree):

Those who are moving toward spiritual maturity in their relationship and service to Jesus. They have a growing understanding of the Bible and are learning to apply God's word to their life. They are growing in the five spiritual practices.



Devout (Mighty Oak):

Those who are frequently engaged in the five practices of spiritual formation with intentionality as they continue to grow in their relationship and service to Jesus, his church, and in their witness to the world.