LOOKING BACK

“The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him.” — Eugene H. Peterson, The Jesus Way

As we transition from one season to the next, it is incredibly helpful to look back to the beginning of the journey to appreciate how far we’ve come. Change happens slowly; we don’t always notice how much God has done. Take out your journal and any materials you’ve kept with you throughout the Pathway. Use this guide to review all six of the previous modules and remember the practices and outcomes you’ve completed along the way. Take some notes in your journal for each module and come to your next meeting ready to discuss it with your discipler.

Here are some helpful questions to consider for each module:

What were the high points for this module? Why?
Where do you still have unanswered questions or frustrations?
What did Jesus say to you through these practices and conversations?
Did God ever use everyday life experiences to illustrate the heart of the module and teach you something?
What did your discipler give you through this module’s discussions?
Think back to “before” this module and after. Are you different? How?

MODULE 1: PRAYER
The disciple establishes a meaningful rhythm of daily prayer.
• Explored practicing a conversational relationship with God.
• Tried out many different practices of prayer.
• Created a daily prayer rhythm.

MODULE 2: GUIDANCE
With the help of a guide, the disciple discerns their unique role within God’s story.
• You created a timeline of the high and low points of your life.
• You established a life theme and explored your calling.
• You looked for ways Jesus has been working throughout your life.
• You learned about restorative prayer.
MODULE 3: SELF-DENIAL
The disciple learns the value of denying themselves for the sake of God and others.
• You practiced the prayer of examen.
• You practiced forgiveness.
• You discussed downward mobility.
• You completed an addiction inventory.
• You practiced fasting.

MODULE 4: SCRIPTURE
The disciple learns the grand narrative of the Bible and forms a daily rhythm of scripture reading and study.
• You considered the narrative arc of scripture from beginning to end.
• You practiced interactive scripture study and experimented with practices like Inductive Bible Study and Lectio Divina.
• You established a basic rhythm of daily scripture reading and study.

MODULE 5: HOSPITALITY
The disciple realizes the joy of creating belonging in the family of God.
• You practiced sharing your faith.
• You learned to look for people of peace and engage with them.
• You learned about the link between evangelism and biblical hospitality.
• You practiced hospitality.

MODULE 6: LIVING JUSTLY
The disciple commits to being a tangible part of the solution for an injustice in the world.
• You studied the biblical concept of shalom.
• You processed Tim Keller’s sermon, Generous Justice.
• You established your unique call to engage with justice right now.
• You moved further in to an identified area of injustice.