

MOVING FORWARD

LET GO OF

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TAKE OUTS

MARCH 11, 2018

THE CRITICAL JOURNEY

STAGES

JOURNEY INWARD & THE WALL

OF FAITH

NO 4

PILGRIM CHURCH

WHAT IS STAGE 4?

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS STAGE

THE CHURCH'S ROLE

STUCK OR CAGED AT THIS STAGE ALWAYS...

CONSUMED BY...

IMMOBILIZED

<p><i>THE CRITICAL JOURNEY</i></p> <h2>STAGES OF FAITH</h2> <p><i>Authors: J. Halberg & R. Gulick</i></p>	<p>NO 1</p>  <p>RECOGNITION OF GOD POWERLESSNESS</p>	<p>NO 2</p>  <p>LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP POWER BY ASSOCIATION</p>
<p>NO 3</p>  <p>PRODUCTIVE LIFE POWER BY ACHIEVEMENT</p>	<p>NO 4</p>  <p>JOURNEY INWARD POWER BY REFLECTION</p>	 <p>THE WALL INNER CHOICES</p>
<p>NO 5</p>  <p>JOURNEY OUTWARD POWER BY PURPOSE</p>	<p>NO 6</p>  <p>LIFE OF LOVE POWER BY WISDOM</p>	



The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and have sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP: March 11, 2018 From The Critical Journey - Stages of Faith No. 4 - Inward Journey & The Wall

These questions are only guides. You may go other directions based on the Bible passage and teaching as well!

- + **Ice breaker: What do you enjoy most about Spring?**
- + **What have you seen in others lives who have seem to go through a loss of faith for a season or permanently?**
- + **What is your image of God?**
- + **How have you felt your image of God change from earlier times in life?**
- + **Has your faith fallen apart? When? Why?**
- + **Have you experienced a nagging search for personal meaning? How? When?**
- + **Read some of these key scriptures. Ask God to show you how you can identify with their forms of confusion, crises, or search for meaning:**
 - Peter's denial Mark 14.66-72
 - Martha and Mary's confusion about the death of Lazarus and Jesus' power John 11.20-37
 - Job's serach (Skim Job chs26-28)
 - Elijah's story after conquering the false prophets and then having his life threatened 1 Kings 18.30-19.3