

TAKE A NEXT STEP

Cornerstone's Next Steps are ways to participate in the life of the church and take next steps in your spiritual journey. Indicate your **new** Next Step commitment when you check in.

- **Say "Yes!"** to Jesus as Savior (forgiver) & Lord (leader) daily.
- **Worship** together weekly.
- **Connect** in a small group relationally.
- **Invite** others regularly.
- **Serve** on a team (at least) monthly.
- **Give** consistently.

say yes • worship • connect • invite • serve • give

Double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card indicates you're acknowledging Jesus as Savior & Lord for the first time. Circle any Next Step to indicate a **new** step you're taking today.

CHECK IN – Card, app, or text Here to 603-225-2550.

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. Explain 1 John 1:4 in your own words.
3. Which of the three Next Steps highlighted (Say Yes, Connect, Invite) is most relevant to you right now and why?

THE STORY WE'RE LIVING

We **inspire** & **equip** people to follow Jesus **wholeheartedly**, because we believe that following Jesus makes **life better** and makes you better at life... and brings glory to God in the process. Join us!

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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PRAXIS GROW

YOUR NAME: _____

Check in! You matter to us! We want to know who's connecting at Cornerstone. Open our **Church Center app** (search for it in your app store) and click the **Check In button**, or text **here** to **603-225-2550**. On Site? Printed **Check In cards** are available. For WiFi connect to **cornerstone** with password **Sayyes2003!**



YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

“What is the basis of our fellowship and the resulting joy?”

JESUS IS WHAT

TODAY'S MESSAGE

PRAXIS: GROW, PART FIVE • TODAY: FELLOWSHIP
1 JOHN 1:1-4

You must connect _____
to grow spiritually.

THE BOTTOM LINE

JESUS IS WHAT WE HAVE IN

_____ **THAT FORMS THE**

_____ **THAT**

RESULTS IN _____ .

We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. – 1 John 1:3-4 NLT/CSB

Although the author is not named, according to tradition and based on the similarities with his other writings, 1 John was written by the Apostle John, probably in the late first century. Among the issues John is confronting is the idea that because Jesus is divine, he did not really take on a human body. As an eyewitness to the Gospel, John was in a unique position to refute this mistaken belief.

**JESUS IS WHAT WAS FROM THE
_____ RESULTING
IN _____ .**

We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning...
– 1 John 1:1a NLT

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
– Genesis 1:1 NLT

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. – John 1:1 CSB

He is the Word of life. – 1 John 1:1c NLT

This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. – 1 John 1:2a NLT

“What [John] is describing is ‘concerning the Word of life.’ The term ‘life’ is the most general term for the spiritual experience which is the object of religious longing and is given to [humanity] by God. The writer believes that ordinary men may possess physical life but lack spiritual life: from a spiritual point of view they are dead. Jesus, however is the source of spiritual life: those who believe in him go through a spiritual experience comparable to physical birth and thus obtain the gift of life.”

I. Howard Marshall. The Epistles of John; The New International Commentary on the New Testament (pages 102-3). Eerdmans, 1982.

**JESUS IS WHAT WE _____ &
WHAT WAS PROCLAIMED RESULTING IN
_____ .**

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We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning...
– 1 John 1:1a NLT

...and we have seen him... – 1 John 1:2 NLT

We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard... – 1 John 1:3a NLT

...so that you may have fellowship with us. – 1 John 1:3b NLT

And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son,
Jesus Christ. – 1 John 1:3c NLT

**JESUS IS WHAT WAS _____
RESULTING IN _____ .**

We are writing these things so that you may fully share
our joy. – 1 John 1:4 NLT

TAKE THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP

Saying “YES” to Jesus? Let us know by checking in on the app, double-circling “say yes” on your Check-In card, or text YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ.

NEXT STEP: INVITE

**_____ ONE OR MORE
PEOPLE YOU’D LIKE TO SEE INVITED INTO
YOUR FELLOWSHIP.
_____ FOR THEM.**