

ABCS In Action

What is my part in Alsbury's mission?

A QUICK START TO

PUTTING ALSBURY VALUES INTO ACTION

Alsbury Playbook

A Quick Guide to Put Our Values in Action

Alsbury's (ABCS) Values help paint a picture of what life together as a church is meant to look like.

- Authentic Family
- Biblical Practices
- Compassionate Reach
- Spirit-Empowered

The Playbook is a simple, intentional step toward living out these values in everyday life. These questions and visuals are tools to help guide and shape the way we follow Jesus—together, as one church family.

How to Use This Guide

Journal your thoughts and insights as you reflect through thoughtful questions and clear visuals, helping you see how God's Word connects to your actions.



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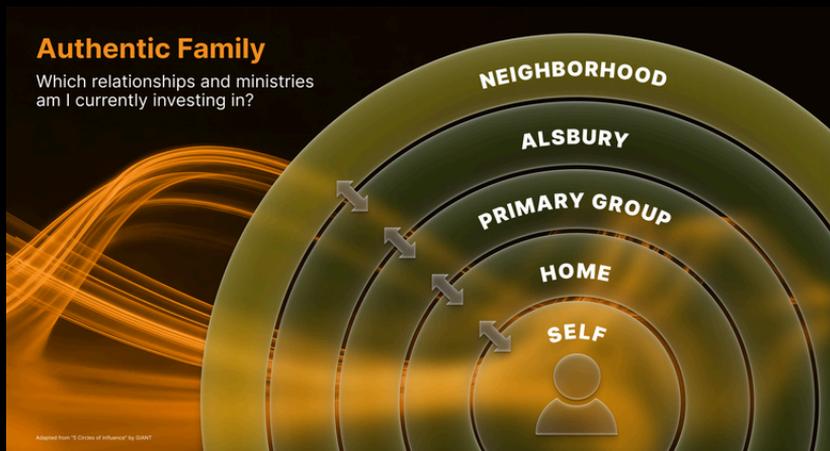
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WHAT DOES THE LORD WANT?

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Invest



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WHICH RELATIONSHIPS AND MINISTRIES AM I CURRENTLY INVESTING IN?

God designed each of us for relationship. We choose some, but family is just a given. Disciples of Jesus are adopted into his family, making us brothers and sisters in Christ. Like any relationship, our spiritual family relationships need to be developed.

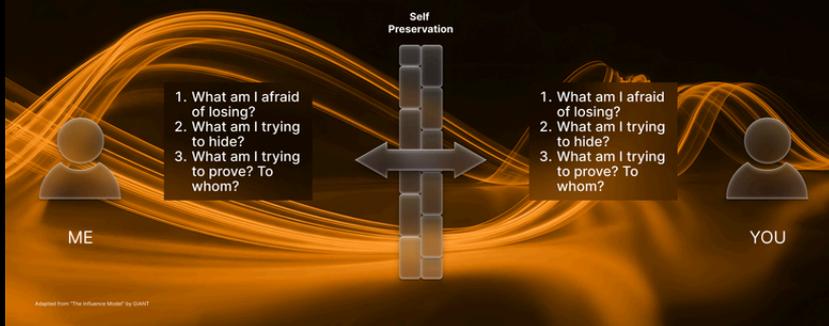
Picture your life as concentric circles of people you influence with your attention, effort, and resources. The arrows remind us that our circles of relationships affect each other. Evaluate each circle in your life, one at a time.

1. What would it look like if I invest in each relationship?
2. Which circle is the healthiest in my life?
3. Which one needs more personal investment?

Authenticity

Authentic Family

Who can I talk with about real challenges I'm facing?



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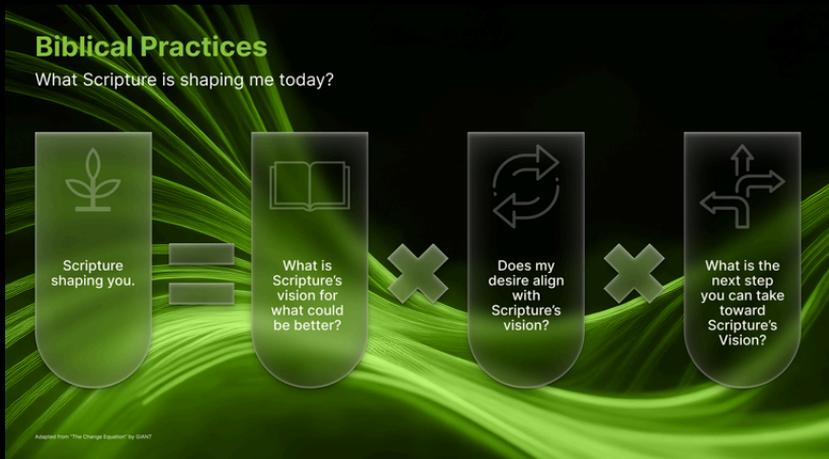
WHO CAN I TALK WITH ABOUT REAL CHALLENGES I'M FACING?

Authentic relationships require us to let others close to us, to be known. We must put off the fake and speak honestly and sincerely with one another (Eph 4:25). Often, our instincts kick in to prevent others from knowing us as we are. We put an invisible wall of self-preservation. We can't talk to anyone about real challenges we're facing because we don't allow anyone to know us that deeply.

Asking yourself the 3 questions will help you identify what motives "keep me from letting someone know me." Sometimes, being aware of those motives is enough not to let them hinder me. Other times, I might need to challenge my own self-preservation with wisdom and Scripture.

1. What am I afraid of losing?
2. What am I trying to hide?
3. What am I trying to prove and to whom?

Scripture



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WHAT SCRIPTURE IS SHAPING ME TODAY?

Jesus was shaped by the Bible. He taught and modeled how to interpret the Bible and how to be shaped by the Bible. Like Jesus, we need to understand the Scriptures in order to be shaped by the Scriptures.

As you study Bible verses in their context, also look for a theme or a storyline that connects to Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, and use Bible study resources. Spend some time considering the differences between how this Scripture depicts life God's way and life any other way.

- Am I willing to be changed by God to play a part in what could be better?
- What is my next step in that direction?

Routines

Biblical Practices
What routines am I engaged in that make me more like Jesus?

COMFORT & JOY

- Study
- Prayer
- Simplicity
- Service
- Worship
- Celebration

2:1 PRINCIPLE
For every 2 disciplines you enjoy, add one that challenges you.
(Items listed are common practices, but you may list them differently.)

CHALLENGES ME

- Submission
- Solitude
- Fasting
- Confession
- Guidance
- Meditation

Adapted from "The 70:30 Principle" by Grant

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WHAT SCRIPTURE IS SHAPING ME TODAY?

God's people have been shaped through the centuries by routines. These routines have been commanded, modeled, or inspired by Scripture. Much like a balanced diet or a consistent workout, these spiritual habits sustain our inner lives and guide how we treat others. By practicing these rhythms, we create a cycle of receiving from God and giving back through our worship and obedience.

What is your routine that positions you to be shaped by Scripture? What is your rhythm for serving others or practicing generosity? Think about your current spiritual habits— even if you aren't consistent. **List them in 2 groups:**

- 1. Comfort & Joy (Sustenance):** Routines that provide energy, emotional stability, and a sense of connection to God. They feel natural and restorative.
- 2. Challenges Me (Growth):** Routines that require significant effort, discipline, or sacrifice. They push you out of your comfort zone..
- 3. The 2:1 Principle:** For every two disciplines that bring you joy/comfort, add one that challenges you.
- 4. What is your current ratio?**

Impact

Compassionate Reach

How are my neighbors impacted by my faith in Jesus?



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HOW ARE MY NEIGHBORS IMPACTED BY MY FAITH IN JESUS?

Jesus prepared his disciples to carry on his mission. As they were transformed by Jesus, they also were empowered to make an impact for Jesus. God's plan was always for humans to hear the gospel from other humans, rather than from angels or the mighty voice of God. *The gospel shapes a community of worshiping witnesses.*

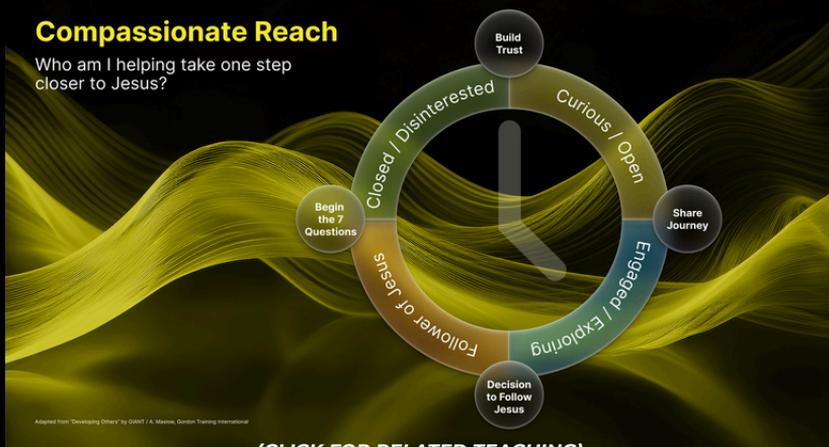
The story of Jesus invites a response: **to follow him with us.** We aim to build trust with our neighbors and drawing them into the family of God. So, we need to ask ourselves, **Do my neighbors know about my faith in Jesus?** Think about the four filters for building a trust-based relationship.

1. **Character:** Do my neighbors believe Jesus is 'for them,' or do they just see a church preoccupied with its own interests?
2. **Chemistry:** Do my neighbors find me/my church approachable?
3. **Competence:** How have I/my church helped my neighbors understand the gospel?
4. **Credibility:** Do my neighbors believe I/my church understand them and are ready to include them?

One Step Closer

Compassionate Reach

Who am I helping take one step closer to Jesus?



WHO AM I HELPING TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER TO JESUS?

People often hear the gospel more than once before they decide how they will respond. This tool helps us identify which stage our neighbors are now. A clear idea of their present stage also shows us what one step closer to Jesus would look like.

START TODAY

- 1. Identify:** Think of one neighbor, coworker, or friend. Looking at the wheel, what is her or his attitude toward Jesus?
- 2. Pray:** Ask for the patience to move at their pace, not yours.
- 3. Act:** How can I help her or him take one step closer to Jesus? (eg, If they are "Closed," don't preach, build trust. If they are "Curious," share how God met you in a difficult time.)

What the Lord Wants



WHAT DOES THE LORD WANT TO DO IN AND THROUGH ME?

Just as Jesus fulfilled his purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, he promised that same Spirit to you. We can actively cooperate with the Holy Spirit by positioning ourselves to receive from the Lord. When we ask, “What does the Lord want to do in me?” –it’s like the discipline of sailors raising their sails to be filled with the wind. “Be filled with the Spirit.” The Biblical Practices slides mention routines you could practice to position yourself to receive from the Lord. Grace, hope, faith, and love are given by the Spirit, so that we know, love, and become more like Jesus.

And, because of the Spirit’s work in us, we also ask, “What does the Lord want to do through me?” As we discern the Lord’s guidance, we take action to fulfill our roles in Jesus’s story.

- **Receiving:** How will I position myself to receive from the Lord today? (see Biblical Practices slide for examples)
- **Following:** How will I join what the Lord is doing around me today?

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TO LOVE JESUS BY
LOVING EACH OTHER
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NEIGHBORS
TO HIS FAMILY