

YOUR NEXT Step

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ATTEND *Regularly*
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INTRODUCTION

This week we begin a five-week series entitled *Your Next Step*. Each week we will be inspired to take action as members of a No Matter church. We want our Big Iowa to be filled with No Matter churches where people can see Jesus in each of us. Pastor John kicked off the series by challenging us to attend church regularly.

DISCUSSION

1. In becoming a No Matter follower, there are five steps we need to take, as exemplified by the life of Jesus: Attend Regularly, Serve Purposefully, Connect Relationally, Give Generously and Invite Boldly. Which of these steps is the easiest? Which is the hardest?
2. **Read Psalm 73.** When we give God room to speak to us every week, He'll right-size our perspective: big things become small, small things become big, scary things become manageable and heavy things become lighter. Share a time when God helped you gain a new perspective on something in your life.
3. When we give God room to speak into our hearts, He'll also help us break through the barriers of attitude, apathy or aggravation. Share a time when you felt one of these very real emotions. How did God help you overcome it?
4. In becoming a No Matter follower, God will show those in your Little Iowa what matters most. When you prioritize your schedule and reprioritize your life, it will speak volumes. What will be your first step in becoming a No Matter follower to your Little Iowa?

DO SOMETHING

1. Are you a No Matter follower? If not, take that first step by crossing the Faith Line. Ask God to help you on your new journey in becoming a No Matter follower. If you are a No Matter follower, what mark are you leaving on your Little Iowa? Ask God to help you take the steps you need to continue making a difference in your Little Iowa.
2. As you begin the new year, ask yourself "What ways can I reorder and reorient my calendar to prioritize getting to church?" Make a list. Then, ask God to help guide you in taking next steps to increase your time in attending church.
3. The next time you are in church, take a look at the people around you - not in a judgmental way, but rather, see them as guests. Remember, you were once a guest. Each Sunday, take a few minutes to visit with someone new before or after the service. Let them know they are at a No Matter church.

RESOURCES

1. *I Am a Church Member* by Thomas Rainer addresses what is expected of those who join a body of believers. When a person's attitude is consistently biblical and healthy, matters of giving, serving and so forth will fall into place more naturally.
2. In his book *Letters to the Church*, Frances Chan digs deeply into biblical truth, reflects on his own failures and dreams and shares stories of ordinary people God is using to change the world.
3. *Every Day Matters* is a six-week series on [RightNow Media](#) designed to help us have purposeful conversations, encourage us with real life stories, and challenge us to take action steps each day to enable God to grow us and use us to advance His Kingdom.