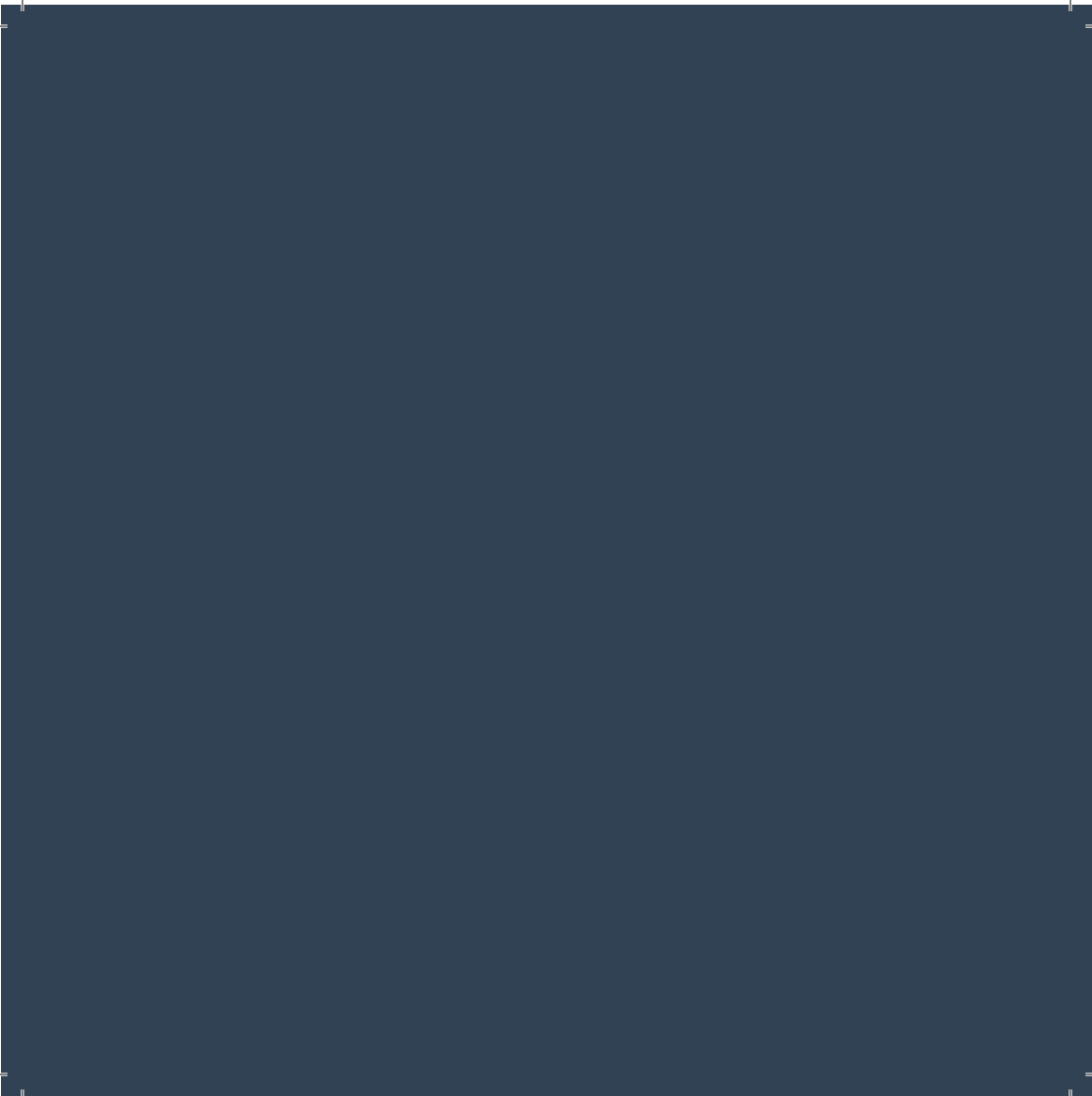




**You've chosen to
follow Jesus.**

**What's Your
Next Step?**



CONGRATULATIONS

You've taken the step of faith to follow Jesus Christ! **This is the best decision you will ever make.** You will now gain a new perspective on life and on what God has in store for you. So many new and exciting opportunities await you.

Jesus said: "...I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly."
- John 10:10

Taking that first step of faith has brought you into this life of abundance and overflow, but there is lots more to come. **This is a new start - but now what?**

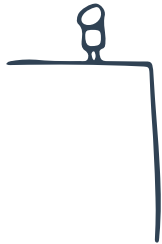
This book will show you what is next. You'll find out what your next steps are, and what the Bible, God's Word, says about it.

You may have some questions (or even doubts) about your decision to follow Jesus. That's OK! Keep moving forward, and don't let these questions and doubts hinder you.

If you keep on stepping forward in faith, you will continue to experience a life of overflow and abundance.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR DECISION TO FOLLOW CHRIST

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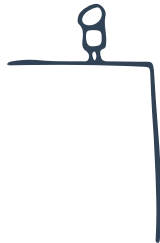


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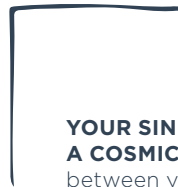


GOD LOVES YOU
and has a plan for your life

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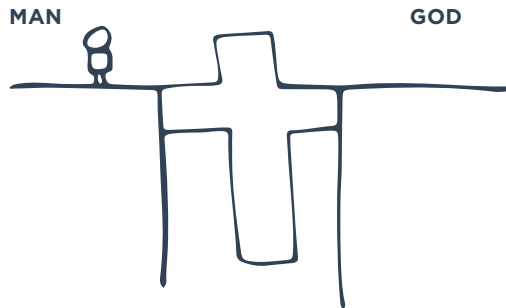


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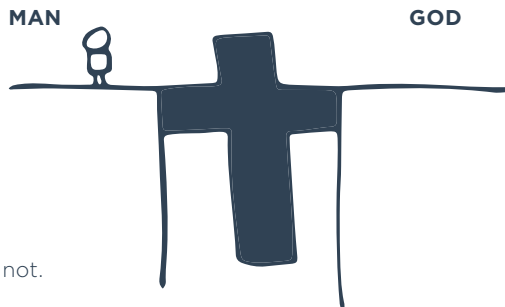


**YOUR SIN CAUSES
A COSMIC CHASM**
between you and God.

**GOD SENT
JESUS CHRIST**
to die on the cross



IT'S YOUR CHOICE
to receive the gift or not.



THE LOCAL CHURCH

In deciding to follow Jesus Christ, you have become part of a movement called Christianity. Remember, you're not on your own - this is part of the reason that the local church exists.

Every week when we gather together, we get to **know God, find freedom, discover our purpose, and make a difference** as we discover what God has in store for us if we live life with Him as our priority.

As you continue on your journey of faith, commit to coming to church. As we learn from the early followers of Jesus, the local church is vitally important for our growth in Christianity and in experiencing the life of overflow that awaits us.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:25



BAPTISMS

Baptism is an **outward display of your decision to follow and trust Jesus**. It is an act of obedience and represents the fact that Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and rose from the grave to allow each of us to have eternal life.

As you take your next step into the water, you are saying to the world that you committed to a new life of faith in Jesus Christ. You are following a new path, and **moving forward in your spiritual journey, and beginning to know God**.

You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, calling on his name. - Acts 22:15-16



SMALL GROUPS

The church allows us to gather together in a large group, but when you get to know God on a personal level, **Small Groups are the next step to take.**

We are not a church with Small Groups, but instead a church of Small Groups!

Small Groups not only allow you to learn more about your faith and Jesus, they also allow you to develop your gifts and serve other people who you will get to know well.

Being in a group with people who are just like you will help you to live in faith every single day, helping you in your relationship with God as you meet up and take on life's challenges together.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” -
Matthew 18:20



DREAM TEAM & GROWTH TRACK

We should all want to make a difference in the world, and becoming part of the Dream Team will help you to make that difference.

God has given everyone a unique set of skills. As a new follower of Jesus, you can put these skills to use by serving on the Dream Team. It's stepping outside your comfort zone and stepping up to serve others.

In order to find where you can serve best, we run "Growth Track", a four part course. Growth Track will help you to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Your Purpose and Make a Difference by building on your strengths and passions.

Jesus said that he did not come to be served, but to serve others. By volunteering your time and talent, you will take the next step to unlocking a life of influence and change.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10



ARENA CHURCH

**DREAM
TEAM**

LIVING A LIFE OF WORSHIP

Worship is a word that people often associate with church, and that makes it sound strange. In reality, we all worship - everybody has something the **focus on, respond to, and celebrate.**

It is important that, as a new believer in Christ, you continue to worship. It's also important that you make sure you are directing your worship to the right place. Focus on what Jesus has done for you, and respond to Him with obedience. In all your words and actions, celebrate Him every day, because worship isn't a once-a-week thing that only happens in church, **it's an all-day-every-day thing.**

When you are working, exercising, eating, shopping, driving, you can worship. If you work on worshipping all the time, you will **deepen and strengthen your relationship with Jesus.**

Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! - Psalm 96:9



GIVING

Money means a lot in modern society. **It represents who we are and what we do, and lets others know how we live our lives.**

The Bible challenges us to tithe, which means to give away 10% of all the money we make. We give it back through the church, but not because God needs any money at all. It is God's plan that you get control over your money, before money begins to control you.

By giving away the first 10%, you'll find yourself **in a place of blessing and abundance.**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:21

A man with brown hair and a beard is shown from the back, looking slightly to his left. He is wearing a dark grey hoodie and a bright yellow high-visibility safety vest with reflective silver stripes. The vest has the text 'Welcome to Arena Church' printed on the back in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is an outdoor setting with a grey metal gate, a white car, and a brick wall.

**Welcome
to
Arena
Church**

**GETTING
TO KNOW
JESUS IS A
GREAT IDEA**

**BUILD YOUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIM**

Day 1	Jesus is Predicted:	Isaiah 53:1-12
Day 2	The Birth of Jesus:	Matthew 1:18-25
Day 3	John the Baptist Prepares the Way:	Matthew 3:1-4:11
Day 4	Jesus' first Miracle:	John 2:1-11
Day 5	Jesus Rejected in His home Town:	Luke 4:14-30
Day 6	Jesus calls His Disciples:	Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 9:9-13
Day 7	The Sermon on the Mount:	Luke 6:17-46
Day 8	The Centurion:	Matthew 8:1-13
Day 9	Jesus encounters the Pharisees:	Matthew 12:1-14
Day 10	Parable of the Sower:	Matthew 13:1-43
Day 11	Jesus calms the Storm:	Luke 8:22-25; Mark 6:45-56
Day 12	Jesus Heals a Man, a Woman and a Girl:	Mark 5:1-43
Day 13	Jesus feeds the 5000:	John 6:1-14
Day 14	The Transfiguration:	Luke 9: 28-36
Day 15	Healing by Faith:	Mark 9:14-32
Day 16	Teaching and Parables:	Matthew 17:24-18:20

Day 17	More teaching and parables:	Matthew 18:21-19:15
Day 18	The Rich Young Ruler:	Mark 10:17-31
Day 19	The Disciples sent out:	Luke 10:1-24
Day 20	The Great Commandment:	Mark 12: 28-44
Day 21	The Parable of the Good Samaritan:	Luke 10:25-37
Day 22	The Lord's Prayer:	Luke 11:1-13
Day 23	Jesus Raises Lazarus:	John 11:1-44
Day 24	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem:	Matthew 21:1-27
Day 25	The Last Supper:	John 13:1-17
Day 26	Jesus Arrested and Betrayed:	Matthew 26:36-75
Day 27	Jesus trial:	John 18:19-19:16
Day 28	Jesus' Crucifixion:	John 19:17-42
Day 29	Jesus resurrection:	John 20
Day 30	Jesus Appears to the Disciples	John 21
Day 31	The Great Commission:	Matthew 28:16-20

This might be a great time to invite Jesus into your life
or recommit your life to Him.

You might like to say this prayer;

Lord Jesus, please come into my life and be
my Saviour and Lord
Please forgive me for the things I have done wrong
and for going my own way
I accept you now as my Lord and Saviour

Amen

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