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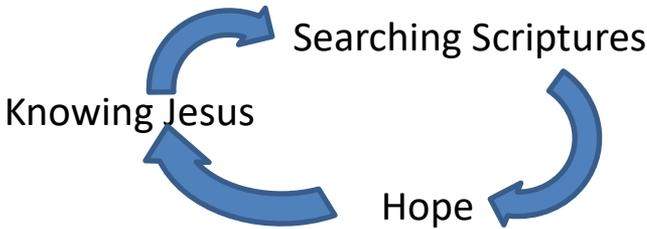
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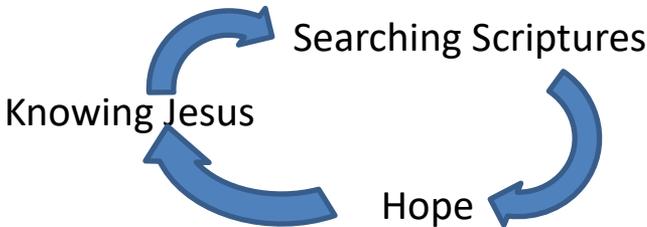
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If we are to move beyond “playing church” we must cultivate a walk with the Lord through **studying** the Bible.

**Group** interaction with the Word of God is essential! (c.f. Heb. 10:24-25)

Please select your preference for participating in a life group:

**I prefer to be part of a group...**

- with those of my gender
- with those in a similar stage of life
- that is mixed (multi-gender, multi-stages of life)
- of any kind

**I would be more comfortable meeting...**

- at church
- in someone's home
- with a group in my own home (hosting a group does **not** necessarily require leading it)
- with a mentor (one-on-one or two)
- another location \_\_\_\_\_

**The following topic(s) would be helpful (if more than one, rank #1, #2, etc.):**

- how to study the Bible
- discerning the will of God for my life
- understanding my spiritual gifts and role in the church
- effectiveness in prayer
- effective methods of evangelism
- winning with personal finances
- spiritual warfare
- overcoming sin and temptation
- dealing with difficult circumstances
- resolving conflict
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Including your name on the other side of this would be helpful.