

NEW CIRCLES

Start with a “get to know you” conversation. Ask everyone to introduce themselves, share how they got connected at Valley Creek, and one fun fact about themselves.

DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

1. We all join a Circle for different reasons. As we kickoff the new series, A Different Way, let’s start this semester by answering this question: What are you hoping for in Circle this semester?
2. Read [Mark 8:34-35](#). If we want to do the things Jesus did, we have to first do the things that Jesus did. Look at the things Jesus did in daily life. We all desire these things in some way. How are you trying to access them?



3. Read [Matthew 11:28-30](#) and [Matthew 6:33](#). Our lives are all centered around something or someone. How is your lifestyle shaping who you're becoming?
4. Read [1 Timothy 4:7-8](#). We can’t do on-the-spot what we haven’t practiced behind-the-scenes. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about living a different way?

PRAY

Read [Psalms 25:4](#).

- Invitation is a way of Jesus. Who is one person you can invite to our Circle?
- Pray together: Jesus, help me to be open to a different way.

LEADERS

- Visit valleycreek.plus to rewatch the message and access all resources.
- Grab a journal and access the reading plan (starts January 22) at valleycreek.org/adifferentway.
- As you take attendance, please add notes on question #3.