

Welcome to Begin

FACILITATOR OVERVIEW

First, **thank you!** Your investment of time, energy, and heart into guiding others through their journey of faith is a testament to your love for God and His Church. As you facilitate these sessions, know that you are part of something eternal—helping individuals deepen their understanding of salvation, experience the love of God, and embrace their identity as adopted children of the King. **Your role matters.** We are praying for you and are grateful for your partnership in working toward the mission of reaching **every man, woman, and child with repeated opportunities to hear and see the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Begin is a journey designed to help people grow in faith, take their next step, and become part of what God is doing through the Chapel. Those you are leading may be exploring faith, new to following Jesus, or looking to deepen their commitment to God and His Church. Over the next four weeks, we will emphasize three key truths: **we are saved by God, loved by God, and invited into God's family.**

Class Overview

Each class is 75 minutes.

Weeks 1-3 will include approximately 15-25 minutes of video instruction, 30-45 minutes of interaction and discussion, and about 10 minutes to cover logistics and next steps.

During **Week 4**, you'll have time to focus further on Baptism and grace stories. The class is led by you - the facilitator - and includes table discussion and independent reflection.

As a facilitator, you'll guide participants through the classes. Each week, you'll use these two key documents to help you facilitate the class:

- **Overview document:** Each week, you'll have a one page overview document highlighting key components of the class and essential announcements to help participants take their next step and best engage with the class.
- **Workbook with facilitator notes:** You'll have a workbook that mirrors the participant workbook, but includes key notes throughout the class to guide you as you lead discussion and facilitate activities.



Key Class Components

- **Workbook:** Participants will be able to follow along with the teaching in the workbook.
 - Encourage them to take notes
 - Encourage them to write down their questions and use the workbook as a tool to help their learning.
 - Offer opportunities to ask questions about video content.
- **Grace Story:** Encourage participants to spend time over the next few weeks reflecting on and writing their grace story. They've been provided a worksheet to help them do this. Encourage participants to ask questions as they work on this. You'll be able to spend time dedicated to their grace stories during the fourth class.
- **Practice & Reflection:** At the end of each workbook, there is a practice and reflection section. Encourage participants to spend time doing the daily readings and engaging in the reflection and application activities outside of class.
- **Next Steps Goal:** Each week, participants should write a next step goal to apply what they've learned. This is also included in the practice and reflection section each week.

You can access all resources for Begin at thechapel.com/beginresources, and resources for facilitating classes at thechapel.com/nextstepsfacilitator.

A couple of notes...

- **Attendance:** At the beginning of each class, you should take attendance. You can take attendance through Planning Center Groups. This is most easily done through the Church Center App.
- **Stay Connected:** Ask participants to download the Church Center App. Through this app, they'll be able to communicate with your Begin cohort, and better connect with all that's happening at The Chapel.
- **Next Steps:** Our hope with the Next Steps process is to provide a clear path for people to grow in faith and get connected at The Chapel. Each week, be sure to mention next steps, including preparing for Baptism, completing the Begin form, and registering for Belong.
 - **Begin Form:** Each week, invite participants to fill out the Begin Form if they haven't yet. This questionnaire will help participants articulate their faith journey and beliefs, and will help them to take their next step toward baptism if they haven't yet been baptized. They can find the form at thechapel.com/beginform.
 - After week 4, all those who want to be baptized should fill out the **Grace Story Form** at thechapel.com/gracestory
 - Register for **Belong**: Encourage participants to take their next step by continuing on in the next steps process by registering for and attending Belong! <https://thechapel.com/belong>

Again, thank you for all you do! Please don't hesitate to reach out to your Campus Team or Equip Team with questions or feedback!