

How to decide on which Christian community to get involved with.

What you'll need: your Bible, an ant-like attitude and the ability to pull the trigger .

➔ Step 1 – Meet your virtual friend.

➔ Step 2 – Study your Bible.

The Bible talks about three ingredients to making good decisions:

Diligence (especially if you hate shopping)

- Read Proverbs 10:4; 13:4

Based on these verses, how would you define “diligence”?

Why is diligence so important to finding your next community?

What do you think will pull you away from making this a priority your first week on campus?

Patience (especially if you tolerate shopping)

Put a mark on the line below to indicate your general level of patience in life:

*I like watching
slugs crawl.*

*I'm the ADD
poster child.*

- Read Ecclesiastes 7:8; Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:12-13 and Hebrews 6:12

Based on these verses, how would you define patience?

Why do you think it will be important to have patience in this process of finding your new Christian community?

Where does patience come from?

What rewards are involved with being patient?

Wisdom (especially if you love shopping)

- Read Proverbs 2:6-12, 3:5, 8:12, 9:10; James 1:5-7

Based on the verses, how would you define wisdom?

What are the rewards of having wisdom?

What is the relationship between trying something new, failing at it and having wisdom?

How do you acquire wisdom?

Are there other decisions you can look back on and see how God answered your prayers for wisdom?

➔ **Step 2 – Kick the tires**

➔ **Step 3 – Say, “No thank you.”**

➔ **Step 4 – Pull the trigger.**

➔ **Step 5 – Say, “Thank You.”**

My prayer of thanks:

Summary: Getting established in a new Christian community involves wisdom, trust and perseverance. But the more you commit, the greater bond you’ll feel from your new community. And the stronger that bond is, the more meaningful and rewarding your college experience will be.