

***Closer Week Two- Midweek Study***  
***January 21, 2026***  
***Signs You Are Getting Closer***

**Vision Scripture for 2026: James 4:8 NLT**

**“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”**

**In 2026, Sanctuary Church commits to the vision of being...**

**Closer to Him**  
**Closer to One Another**  
**Closer to the Harvest**

**Bible Study Text: Mark 16:17**

***“And these signs shall follow them that believe...”***

**The Four Signs of Getting Closer**

- 1. Spiritual Signs**
- 2. Emotional Signs**
- 3. Behavioral Signs**
- 4. Physical Signs**

Tonight we will focus on the **spiritual signs** that you are getting closer to God.

1. Increased hunger for God and a deepening desire for spiritual growth. The closer you get, the closer you want to be. (Matthew 5:6, Amos 8:11, Psalm 63:1)
2. A new or renewed passion for worship. This doesn't just mean you love the music, but you love to connect to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through times of praise and worship. (Psalm 100:2, Psalm 100:4)
3. A sense of connection with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8-2:4, Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:26, John 16:13)

4. Stronger feelings of conviction and the ongoing need of repentance. (Acts 2:37-39, Acts 3:19, Acts 16:14)
5. A stronger prayer life. (Hebrews 7:25, Acts 16:30, 1 Samuel 7:5, I Kings 13:6)

### ***A Drifter's Prayer...***

***Jesus, I need you. I know that I am not as close to You as I could be. I have drifted. Forgive me and wash me in Your blood. Help me to make a decision to get closer to you. Help me recognize the currents that take me away from you and into danger. Give me the strength to keep going in my faith and not give up. Lead me into the still waters and restore my soul. In the mighty and powerful name of Jesus, Amen.***

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